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Clinton agrees to send US troops into Zaire as part of multi-national force

# Mission to save million lives

## Britain to join relief operation 'if plan can be worked out'

Martin Walker in Washington Ian Black in London and John Palmer in Brussels

RESIDENT BILL day agreed, under intense as part of a multinational force under overall Canadian

cise objectives nor rules of engagement clearly defined. Britain followed suit by saying it was ready to con-tribute "constructively" to the international effort, "providing a satisfactory plan can be worked out" for dealing with an unprecedented humanitarian relief mission to more than a million refugees caught up in fighting by Tutsi rebels in Zaire. If crucial issues can be

resolved at a meeting of po-tential contributors at the United Nations in New York today, thousands of troops from North America; Europe and various African countries could be beading

this week. As the standby orders went out last night from the Pentagon — which is to send 3,000 troops, one-third into Zaire and the rest in logistical and support roles — commanders were still uncertain how far their brief would extend. The defence department said the mission would not exceed

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four months. The defence secretary, William Perry, said: "Our mis-sion will be to secure Goma airport [in eastern Zaire], and

to conduct any forced entry refugee camps."

But commanders wondered whether the mission would have to extend to imposing a ing and policing a humanitar-

Crucially, no exit strategy has yet been agreed, nor some whether the troops will shep herd refugees back into Rwanda, or deeper into Zaire. US ambivalence about the

UN and multinational opera-tions means Mr Clinton's de-cision carries huge political risks. It could end the postelection honeymoon with the Republican Congress. Haunted by memories of the humanitarian mission to Somalia, which veered out of control in his first months in office, Mr Clinton was talked into supporting the mission by Canada's prime minister, Jean Chrétien.

After a long night of negoti ations in the Pentagon, Gen-eral Maurice Barril, the comcentral Africa by the end of yesterday to put its forces under Canadian operational command. They will remain under US tactical command. But the US insisted on "robust" rules of engagement. They will be allowed not only to defend themselves, but to

patrol aggressively to ensure they are not attacked.

The fast deterioration of conditions in Zaire has led to chaotic military planning, with European sources insisting their operations would come under the organisa-tional umbrella of the West-ern European Union, and



A woman struggles to be pulled from the crowd as hundreds of hungry people storm the main food aid depot in Goma, eastern Zaire, vesterday

PHOYOGRAPH: DAVID GUTTENFELDER

party", one Pentagon officer told the Guardian yesterday. "We are looking at literally hundreds of C5 airlifts." he added, referring to the biggest

alreport [in eastern Zaire], and then open and secure a land corridor to the main refugee area, to bring food and medical relief to this terrible humanitarian tragedy."

The White House spokesman, Mike McCurry, insisted yesterday: "The mission is included airfields — where chol
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The white House spokesman, Mike McCurry, insisted yesterday: "The mission is to have a tripartite system of organisation. There will be a north weeks, it will have a lot of the west in longer a question of whether to have a force but when," Emma Bonino, the Suropean Union's humanitarian aid commissioner, told the European Parliament yesterday: "If it arrives in three will be a north weeks, it will have a lot of the west."

yesterday that Zairean rebels must be consulted. "In order for this operation to work they must secure the airports of Uvira, Bukavu and Goma US military cargo plane. [in eastern Zaire]," President
"Every second counts. It is Pasteur Bizimungu said in

era vies with Aids as a health work burying corpses, but not hazard for the troops — "will much else." | 1,500 Canadian troops and hazard for the troops — "will much else." | 1,500 Canadian troops and two US logistics and communications battalions, with US logistical backing. European paratroops as a protective

force.
The European contingent will include French and Spanish troops. France is making available its bases in west and central Africa. The Western European Union, still embryonic as the eventual European pillar of Nato, will

countries are expected to foot the bulk of the bill and pro-vide equipment and training for the African contingent,

whose participation is seen as politically essential.

The main local contingent

will come from South Africa, but at least token units are expected from Mali, Ethiopia, undergo its first big test when officials meet in Belgium on Monday to co-ordinate.

Germany said it would not send troops, but the Nether-

mal mandate to the effort, not as a Nato mission, but as an unprecedented "multinational force under Canadian

US officials told the Guardian they expected their part of page 7

The UN Security Council the mission to be "very lim-was planning a special ses-sion last night to give a for-conditions in which the African countries will be able to take over on the ground and create the space for a longer-term political settlement".

# Al Fayed forces Howard's hand

### Alan Travis Home Affairs Editor

ARRODS' owner Mo-hamed Al Fayed last night pledged not to rest until he had discovered what lay behind the Government's refusal to grant British passports to him and his brother, Ali. Mr Al Fayed, who was born

in Egypt and has lived in Britain for more than 30 years, won an important victory yesterday when the Court of Appeal said the brothers had not been treated fairly and quashed the decision by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, to refuse British citizenship to the two brothers.

'If Mr Howard persists, I will pursue the matter until

applications."

The Appeal Court ruling is highly charged politically as



Mr Al Payed has been a key figure in disclosing the "cash-for-questions" scandal. will pursue the matter until we have obtained our passports. I will not rest until the truth is known," said Mr Al Fayed.

"I want to know why Mr Howard intervened personally and more than once in our naturalisation applications."

The Appeal Court ruling is

lessly for 30 years without incurring so much as a parking

He said he employed 6,000 people and paid 23 million income tax every year: "This is basically a great day for me because justice has been done. I have had a very bad deal and have not been treated fairly." Three High Court judges, headed by Lord Woolf, the Master of the Rolls, in a twoto-one majority decision, ruled that the Al Fayeds had been treated unfairly, they should have been told what

evidence there was against them before a final decision was made to refuse them Brit-ish passports. Mr Howard will now have to reconsider their cases if the Appeal Court decision is upheld by the Lords. The Home Secretary will also have to tell the Al Payed brothers what evidence



### Embellishments of an illuminary nature put Christmas in the shade

### Kamal Ahmed

THE lights on the horti-cultural festive element will be switched on in two weeks' time. The festive embellishments of an illuminary nature will follow

Northampton borough council could be accused of being pedantic. But its efforts to satisfy all faiths at Christmas have brought an award for festive gob-bledegook from the Plain English Campaign.

In a report to councillors, Steve Priddis, the council's town centre manager, described the wonders that would greet shoppers. The "horticultural festive element" (Christmas tree) tion to the town square while the "festive embellishments of an illuminary nature" (fairy lights) are sure to produce gasps of

"Crackers is the only word for it," said Chrissie

people of other cultures, but to try to do away with Christmas in the name of political correctness is

Northampton shown themselves to be ridiculous. People of all cultures enjoy Christmas, and they always will."

The National Trust also got a seasonal roasting by the campaign after volun-tary staff claimed they were told not to refer to Christmas but to the "festive season" and that they should stop children making the shape of the cross on traditional orange

omanders. Mr Priddis said Northampton's phrases were sup-posed to be funny, although there was a serious point to the report.
"We have to consider all

the users of the town cen-tre," Mr Priddis said. "We don't want to offend anyone.

Steve Jenkins, a spoke man for the Church of England, said: "We should rec-Maker, director of the people's Plain English Campaign. "I religious festivals, not am all for being fair to change Christian ones."

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counted against them and give them the chance to comment before a final decision is made.
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### Sketch

# Savaged by a little furry thing



Simon Hoggart

FOU can tell how feared a frontbencher is by the number of people who intervene during his speeches. After 22 minut yesterday only one MP had dared to interrupt Robin Cook who, naturally, bit his head

right off. I was reminded of the story about the Three Billy Goats about the large bady Goams, Gruff. One by one they came, trip trip, over the rickety-rackety bridge, and each time Mr Cook's voice could be (metaphorically) heard: "I'm a troll, troll-de-woll, I'm a troll, troll-de-woll, and I'll eat you

for my supper!"
The subject of the debate was the BSE crisis. Mr Cook made his standard speech. and a very good speech it is. He reminded us again that Mr Major's Policy Of Non-Cooperation with Europe was known among aficionados as "Ponce" and that the Government had done a lot of poncing

about lately. Surveys showed that 83 per cent of the British public believed that the Government had "lost" the beef war. "Even at today's ratings, there must have been some Conservatives among that 63 per cent,"

"The beef war is the first when we have picked a fight with the whole continent. Previous governments have made sure that either France or

Prussia was on our side." Mr Cook still swallows large parts of his speech, like cys-ters drenched in Tabasco. Nowo wetale" is "not what we were told"; "Sowf-retur" could just be decoded as "as soon as the House returned". But it doesn't matter. He just drips acid like a leaky battery.

Mr Cook listed the modern European nations we had been obliged to double-cross during the great beef war (one initia-tive blocked during the Era of the Great Ponce was a mes-sage to Iran concerning Sal-man Rushdie, meaning that

First night

the only loser was one British

At this point Mr Robert Jackson (C, Wantage) intervened with a trick question. Would Mr Cook vote for an accelerated beef cull? Mr Cool regards trick questions with the same contempt David Sea man would feel for a whiffle ball. It was barely worth his "The reason the Covern.

ment was terrified to bring it forward was because they were afraid their own backbenchers would not support it." Three other Tories tried: little later, but the troll gobbled them up just as fast. It was painful to watch, like one of those no-holds-barred wildlife shows on TV in which defenceless little furry things are ripped apart by a much more savage furry thing. The wiser ones stayed clear of the water hole for a spell.

By contrast, the haples Agriculture Minister, Dough Rogg, was interrupted so often that his contribution lit erally consisted of more intervention than speech. One backbencher accused him of using "weasel words". An-other told him that he had spent the last few mouths

presiding over chaos".
Those were the Tories. The Opposition members were al-most as unkind. But Mr Hogg never quite gets it. He is still, eight months later, blaming Harriet Harman for the BSE crisis. You might as well blame Nye Bevan for the state

When he announced that the Florence summit (that's the one that was supposed to lead to the end of the beef export ban by the end of October, remember?) had been "a considerable triumph for the Prime Minister's negotiating skills", even some Tories hid their sniggers.

For a more sensitive man, the speech would have been a complete disaster. But Mr Hogg is not a sensitive man, and he ploughed forward. We yearned for the cattle head deboners, whose plight was discussed yesterday, to put alm out of his misery, by deboning his head.

Earlier, in Education Quesschoolchildren there should be in a class. Mr Robin Squire assured us "size is not all-important", a claim you rarely hear from a Tory minister.

# Unemployment could fall below 2 million before Christmas Heseltine hails 'sparkling performance'

# Tory glee at big jobless fall

Hehard Thomas Economics Corresponde

eceived a welcome boost yesterday when a sharp cut in the dole queue raised the prospect of unam-ployment falling below the two million mark before

Christmas. Announcing a 40,800 drop in the jobless total during October — to its lowest level for more than five years Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, halled a "sparkling performance" by the British economy.

He said the fall in the num-ber of people out of work and claiming benefits to a season-ally-adjusted 2,030,000 demon-

Britain is on the move e said. "More of our peop have jobs and fewer are out of work than any other major European country. Britain's flexible, deregulated labour

market delivers Jobs."

was been 32,000.

Although the Office for National Statistics (ONS) said a backlog of claim registra-tions resulting from the introduction of the Jobseekers'
Allowance had flattered the
drop by around 10,000, Whitehall and City experts said
30,000 people could come off the count during November and deliver a Christmas PR present to the Conservatives. The ONS said the average monthly fall since August

expected drop — which pushed the rate of unemploy-

Major's opt-out from the ment down to 7.2 per cent of the workforce, from 7.4 per cent the previous month other rise in interest rates to head off inflation.

Simon Briscoe, UK economist at brokers Nikko Europe, said: "The market is nervous in the run-up to the Budget and buyers will hold back as talk of higher interest rates be-Economists also pointed to ONS raw unemployment fig-ures — which are not ad-justed for seasonal recruit-

two million for the first time since January 1991. "The Government must be jumping with joy at the likely factor following these num-

the dole queue falling below

Dole gueue



falling unemployment was not driving wages spiralling upwards and putting pressure on prices. The ONS said over the year to September pay

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packets had risen by 4 per on tax. The truth is that one cent, unchanged on the rate in five working households the previous month. asury minister Angela Knight said: "The UK is en-

joying steady and responsible growth, with pay inflation beow 4 per cent for 31/4 years." The good news on jobs has spread to the previously-em-battled manufacturing sector with a 13,000 jump in factory jobs — all of which went to men — in September. But with the output of manufactured goods recovering at a subdued fate, fresh hirings pushed pro-ductivity levels down at the fastest rate recorded since 1981, the ONS said.

Labour said the claimant count figures understated the depth of joblessness in the UK. Shadow employment minister Ian McCartney said: "Tory unemployment figures are as bogus as Tory promises

has no one in a job."

Mr Heseltine used the figures to condemn Labour's proposals for a minimum wage and shorter working hours, but the ONS figures binted at a new readiness in

the workforce to strike for better conditions.
Liberal Democrat employment spokesman Don Foster said: "Although I welcome falling unemployment ... it is becoming increasingly clear that the Government is using the reduction in the headline jobless figure to mask serious proble our labour market."
In September, 123,000 days
were lost to strikes, the highest

September figure since 1988, according to ONS data.



Salvage workers recover the body of a girl from the wreckage of the mid-air collision at Charkhi Dadri, near New Delhi. Nearly 350 were killed

# Haunted by a spiritual upheaval

Lyn Gardner

Light Shining in Buckinghamshi

AKE theatre out of the theatres and it is often vastly improved, not only attracting new audiences but taking on the resonances

and history of the space in which it is performed. The National Theatre's tour of Caryl Churchill's remarkable 1976 play about the lost hope of the first English Revolution is at the Studio Bradford tomorrow and on Saturday, and visiting 24 venues until March. Its more unusual settings will include St Thomas's Church on the Isle of Wight and the Baldway Man-sion rotunds at Paignton in

The benefits were clear yes terday, at the cavernous St Martin's Church in Brighton. The odd moment of inaudibil-ity, or restricted views, were more than compensated for by the absorbing immediacy of

the experience.
The play has an almost Brechtlan spareness and complete conviction in the urgency and drama of political argument. The first half ends with a condensed version of the three-day Putney Debates in 1647 between officers from Cromwell's New Model Army and common soldiers.

But there is nothing dry about Churchill's dialogue, or Mark Wing-Davey's beautiful and simple production, which played in the cramped altar area of the church while a shadowy video of the action was projected on to the far end of the nave. The place seemed

THE National Lottery watchdog, Peter Davis, was yesterday publicly rebuked for failing to adopt a

more vigorous" approach to

said Mr Davis's approach com-

pared unfavourably with other public service regulators the committee had examined.

Lottery regulator accused

The Labour chairman of the Commons public accounts committee, Robert Sheldon, said Mr Davie's accounts the committee of the c

of 'incompetence' by MP

haunted by the ghosts of the ordinary people caught up in social and spiritual upheaval

that falled to deliver. This is theatre as living history, a dialogue between past and present in which the true radicalism of groups such as the Levellers, Diggers and Ranters finds faint but persistent echoes today. The Level-ler commune at St George's Hill, crushed by local land-owners, has parallels in the owners, has paraties in the recent eviction of squatters from derelict land by Wandsworth Bridge. Madeleine Herbert's design, with its wire mesh and jumbly clothes, is both of that time and of this.

Lighting is used like a pain brush. In the gathering gloom of the church, where shadows of the past lurk by every tomb, hand-held torches, fluores-cent strips and candles threw a spotlight on the role of the individual in history: the ide-alist Ranter. Hoskins, who dreams of a world where noth ing is sinful; Briggs, who rallies to the cry of revolution bu ends up starving in a field; the disillusioned Ranter, Claxton who emigrates to Barbados; Star, who rises in the army and becomes a landowner, the destitute Brotherton, who

abandons her dying baby. Interestingly, the charac-ters are each played by a succession of actors, which, as Churchill intended, "adds to the reality of large events like war and revolution where many people share the same kind of experience". Not for a moment does the device affect the quality of the acting by the cast of six, who know this is not a costume-drama but a play about momentous events of everyday life. Catch it - but preferably not in a theatre.

Mr Davis endured a grilling

from another Labour MP. Alan Williams (Swansea West), who

accused him of the worst "ad-

hearts" did not accept criti-cisms made of free flights he

accepted on anaircraft belong-ing to a company linked to the lottery operator, Camelot.

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### cabin-control exchanges Suzarme Goldenberg In Charichi Dadri

Bereaved scour grim remnants

of air crash as tapes disclose

ZED and stumbling through the crowds, the families of those who died in the world's worst mid-air collision began searching among the dead yesterday for their loved ones as transcripts con-firmed that air controllers had alerted a Kazakh plane that a Saudi jumbo was that a Saudi Jumbo was the collision near New Delhi. Moments before the two planes collided at dusk on Tuesday, near this village about 60 miles west of the indian capital, killing all 349
people on board, the Kazakh
pilot asked: "Report how
many miles?" The controller replied the Saudi plane was 13 miles away.

The Saudi jumbo had taken off from Indira Gandhi International Airport seven min-utes before the collision, and the small Kazakh cargo plane had started its descent. At the small hospital in Charkhi Dadri, the dead were

packed tightly together on bare concrete floors. Dr RS Garg, the hospital supervisor, said few had been claimed — only 19 by mid-afternoon. He feared that many relatives would not ar-rive to claim the bodies before tonight, when the authorities have decided to cremate them. Many of the dead were from the southern state of Kerala.

"We can keep them for maximum one day more, but they will have signs of decomposition," Dr Garg said. As he spoke, a loudspeaker broad-cast an apology to relatives for a shortage of coffins. Volunteers slid huge blocks of ice across a courtyard, lit

incense and pools of clarified butter, in a vain attempt to douse the stench. Nearby, Raz around the rough-hewn coffin containing his brother-in-law. Siraj Ahmed had been over joyed to get a labouring job in Jeddah. His dream died seven minutes after it began. "I had just returned from seeing him off when I heard the news,"

Tariq Ahmed, from Srina-gar in Kashmir, was exhausted after spending 12 hours gazing at the dead, looking for his cousin, Shahid Hussain. The most distigured lay in heaps in the courtyard. "I know what he was wear-

ing, but I just can't be sure,' Mr Ahmed said. The remains of both planes miraculously came to rest in barren fields, spewing debris on either side of a 50-yard path, but sparing local people. Shops in Charkhi Dadri were shut vastarday in manusical properties in manusical people. shut yesterday in mourning
— and thanksgiving. "The
pilot was to fall on the town
itself, but he must have seen
our lights and turned back to the fields," said RS Sharms, a retired naval officer.

A few miles outside town, tens of thousands of curious villagers made their way to the site.

Police held them back as relatives clutching handker-chiefs to their mouths wanchiefs to their mounts wandered among the still-smool-dering wreckage, overturning anything that might reveal a trace of their loved ones. There was no sense to be extracted from the wreckage:

crates of fresh ginger root, an embroidered slipper, stacks of blue uniforms, even books which survived the fireball. Junaid Khan, from Deihi, collapsed as police withdrew from the first-class section. He recognised her by the gold bracelets on her wrist, breaking down completely when the villagers tenderly exone of three small children who died with her.

Few were there to mourn those on the Kazakh cargo plane, which was carrying mainly Kyrgyz passengers. Indian officials and Saudi airline investigators took vid-eotape of the wreckage, while Russian and Kazakh diplomats inspected the sites. Searchers yesterday recovered the flight data recorders. Civil aviation authorities

have sealed the air traffic con-

trol log books for the inquiry, which is to be headed by an Indian high court judge.





Cargo pilot 'warned of jumbo's path'

'We feared the worst when we saw the news... All she wanted was to travel the world and live life

to the full'

Arabia. Was among those killed in the collision.

Karen McCoy. aged 26, from Northfields, Birmingham, died alongside Man-

A copy of the Lonely Planet guidebook to Nepal, thought to belong to Ms

McCoy, and a steel-blue

ABRITISH nurse, return-ing from holiday in India and Nepal to her work at a children's inten-sive care unit in Saudi

reen Hahn, a nurse from Florida who was her room-mate at the 560-bed King Fahd Hospital in the Sandi capital, Riyadh.

deep crater, excavated by the impact of the front section of the aircraft, which was still smouldering at midday yesterday. Ms McCoy's distraught family in Birmingham spoke of her enthusiasm for travel and adventure. Her stepmother, Enid McCoy. aged 63, said: "When we saw the crash on the news.

Crash victim Karen McCoy (left) and her father, Michael, and stepmother Enid

Marks and Spencer jumper

were recovered from the wreckage yesterday. Inside the guidebook a sheet of folded blue airmail

addresses from Birming-ham. The items were in a

friend and had been due to return to Saudi. She was very outgoing. All she wanted was to travel the world and live life to the full." Karen's father, Michael. aged 55, had a card sent a

month ago on which Karen had written: "I'm looking forward to going to Kath-mandu and Nepal and doing mann and Nepal and cong some white-water rafting."

Before moving to Riyadh a year ago, Karen had worked in the intensive care unit at Birmingham Children's Hospital. Col-leagues there remembered her as greening dediher as gregarious, dedi-cated and full of fun.

cated and full of Nm.

Staff nurse Trudy Horton, 32, said: "The last party before she went away was very wild with everybody ending up dancing on the tables at a restaurant."

In Riyadh, Ann Westrope, director of nursing at the director of nursing at the King Fahd Hospital, where there are more than 150 British staff, said colleagues had been profound-ly shocked by the two

urses' deaths. Concerned relatives or friends can ring the For-eign Office on 0171 839 1010 or Saudi Arabian Airways on 0181 897 6333. An emerwe feared the worst. She gency helpline has also had written and told us she been opened in India on was going to India with a 0091-11-5481219.



### You're test driving the new Audi A3. Do you:

- a) find a narrow ravine with a broken bridge, slam into second and leap the gap shouting 'Geronimo'?
- b) roar past a wall of fire at the side of the road to an eighties soundtrack? c) just go for a drive?

If your answer is (c) please call 0345 699777 for more information.

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### The Guardian Thursdy November 14 1996

# Ad campaign irritates then celebrates



Bob Hoskins in rehearsalor his return to the stage this week in Old Wicked Songs. He will be replaced in the BT television campaign by a team of personalities Photograph IVAN KYNCL

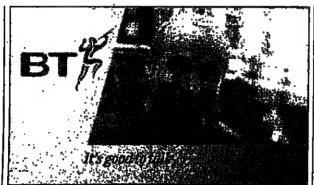
# Hosk ns finds something to talk about

Dan Glaister Arts Corres

HERE'S no such this goes the adage, as id publicity. The advers-ing industry provid the point yesterday whn British Telecom's televism campaign featuring Bob Hs kins as an ordinary guy wo likes to talk won the top pre at the Advertising Effects ness Awards run by the Indtute of Practitioners in Adv tising. At the same time, 's good to talk' was voted onof the 10 most irritating telei-

Mr Hoskins may well ba victim of his success. After 8 months, his final BT commicial will be acreened at

The campaign is to e stepped up to 80 commercils next year, which was juded to be too great a strain for ne actor. There will be no esog-ing Mr Hoskins, however.le returns to the stage this wik for the first time in 15 yers with Old Wicked Songs at he Glelgud Theatre in the Vist End, London. He will be



The BT campaign voted one of the most irritating on TV

by a team of personalities. senter for BT was the actress.
But does irritation mean Maureen Lipman. that an advertisement has worked? Gary Duckworth, viewers, conducted by Mar- Ferrero Rocher chock worked? Gary Duckworth, viewers, conducted by Marchairman of the Duckworth, Finn, Grubb, Waters agency, said: "If you don't catch people's attention then you've failed. If people find it irritating maybe it means that there's an awful lot of it."

One way an advertiser can conducted by Marketing magazine, found the has just remade its commercial which featured in the top 10, set at an ambessador's reception. It is the same as the old, but with a new cast. The awards for effectiveness are judged on a 4,000 over paper submitted by the

One way an advertiser can counter irritation by repetiActs of faith

Born: North London to middle-class parents. The early years: market porter, clerk, trainee accountant, kibbutz.

**Early roles: Veterans** with Sir John Gielgud, Thick As Thieves for television. First hit: Pennies From

replaced in the BT campaign | campaign. The previous pre- | paign with the message Tickle it you wrigglers". In some cases irritation may be considered a boon. she had worn to the hair-dresser's to hide her dan-druff. Other irritants in-cluded comedian Mel Smith's

word paper submitted by the advertiser and the client excommercial for Visa Delta plaining how the campaign's and the Foster's lager camFirst film hit: The Long

Good Friday (1981) **High: Oscar nomination** for Mona Lisa. (1986) Low: Starring opposite a cartoon in Who Killed Roger Rabbit? (1989) Most recent film: The

Secret Agent. Currently: Professor Mashkan in Old Wicked

For BT, the aim was to persuade men to use the telephone in a more social, less functional way. The camerated an income of £297 mil- of them with the Queen's of the debate also defied the massacre in 1987, he has been lion, while it coincided with a | head on".

Alfredo Marcantonio, of the Abbott Mead Vickers agency. which makes the BT commercials, said: "There's the whole thing in this country that wives use the phone more than men. Men tend to just pick up the phone to make a deal and then slam it down. Bob Hoskins was a good choice because he is different to most presenters: he is not aspirational, he's just an ordinary Joe. The way the advertisements talk about people using the phone was different. I think it rang a lot of bells about the phone being a

lifeline for people."
Mr Hoskins recently told an interviewer that he could think of half a million reasons

# Rightwinger sacked for gun protest

Ewen MacAskill, Chief Political Correspondent

ERRY Dicks, the rightwing rent-aquote Tory MP, was sacked by the Government yesterday for his defiant support of the Dunblane parents in their campaign for a total handgun ban. Mr Dicks was given an ulti-

Mr Dicks was given an ulti-matum by the whips yester-day: either withdraw the threat to vote for a total hand-gun ban in a crucial Com-mons vote on Monday or face the sack as a Parliamentary Private Secretary (PPS).

The sacking came on the eve of a meeting between parents of children killed in the Dunblane massacre and John Major at the Commons. They are to plead with him to offer a free vote, in spite of Downing Street insisting yesterday that it will be whipped.
Mr Dicks, MP for Hayes and Harlington, who was for two years PPS to the Transport Minister, John Watts, said: "The nonsense is that there is to be a free vote on caning for disruptive behavious beh iour by children but not on the lives of other children. I

find it an amazing position for the Government. Downing Street said he had gone by "mutual consent" but Mr Dicks emphatically denied

this. "It would have meant I agreed to go and I did not. I was sacked."

Mr Dicks is one of four Tory MPs who have threatened to support an Opposition amendment that would impose a ban on all handgun ownership, except for police, soldiers and vets. The Government is proposing a ban only on guns of a calibre

higher than ..... The Government is confident of winning the vote, a point conceded by a senior Labour spokesman when he said yesterday: "The arithme tic is not stacking up." The Ulster Unionists, as usual, hold the balance and are not expected to vote en bloc with the Opposition.

The parents were said to have been disappointed at the standard of debate during the second reading debate on the firearms bill in the Commons on Tuesday night which was dominated by Tory back-bench demands for more compensation for the loss of handguns. Mr Dicks abstained. About

On black people: "Generally bone idle; it's about time they were given a good kick On opera: "Overweight Italians singing in their own

Terry Dicks . . . ridiculed

Rented quotes

plans for homosexual health workers to visit gay pick-up points and offer advice on con

traception: "Homosexuals

are perverts and this is just condoning their perverted behaviour. They should go

round with a red hot poker to make sure they never

On the Equal Opportunities Commission: "A nonsense

organisation run by idiots."

"Turgid, miserable, boring and downbeat." On ballet dancers: "Men

prancing about in ladies

a partial ban goes too far and that gun owners are not being Mr Dicks was called in yes

terday by Mr Watts, a friend, who had been told by govern-ment whips to hand him the Mr Dicks, aged 59, who is to stand down at the next elec-

tion, was asked if the sacking marked the end of his political career. He replied: "I didn't know it had started." He has been outspoken on a

advocating a return of caning. Government, upset that even | calling for a handgun ban.

### tion is to change pre enter or | and the Foster's lager cam-Second minister under scrutiny

### Newton asks whip to explain his chief Whip, showed that Mr chief Whip, showed that Mr with the investigation witchell had used his privirole in Hamilton investigation

THE cash for questins investigation is to be widened to includ a second government minier accused of trying to subert the initial inquiry into forer trade minister Neil Haliton's undeclared stay at he Ritz Hotel, Paris, and dsh payments from MohamedAl Fayed, the owner of Harros.

Tony Newton, the Leaden of the House who is chaing

the House, who is chaing the present inquiry, last nint wrote to Andrew Mitchell he junior social security mister, asking him to explaintis role two years ago when ar Hamilton escaped with a rid rebuke from MPs.

Mr Mitchell - who was then both a government whip and a member of the Mem-bers' Interests Committee, then examining Mr Hamil ton's conduct — is potentially in serious trouble. He was accused by Angela Eagle, a Labour member of that in-quiry, of trying to influence

its proceedings.

Mr Mitchell might also face being cross-questioned by his father, Sir David Mitchell, a member of the present com-mittee examining the case. Mr Mitchell said last night: 'I

any way I can".

Mr Newton's move follows the leaking of a letter to Dale Campbell-Savours, a Labour committee member, written by Mr Mitchell. His letter,

leged position on the commit-tee to find out from the Registrar of Members' Interests where MPs must register directorships and consultancies — whether Mr Hamilton had logged his controversial con-sultancy with Strategy Net-work International, a public

A poll of 500 television

work international, a public relations firm.

The registrar is reported as saying the committee would not like this. Mr Mitchell comments to Mr Ryder: "Not very helpful I am afraid."

Mr Newton has asked him to clarify what he meant in the letter. The committee is expected to decide on Monday.

expected to decide on Monday whether he should be sum-moned to appear before it. The disclosure of the letter was a fresh embarrassment to Tory members during Tues-day's hearing when another

ten to the Chief Whip. He has been accused of trying to smother the inquiry by gesting that Sir Geoffrey Johngesting that Sir Geothery Johnson Smith, the Tory grandee chairing it, could declare the complaint sub judice or use the "good Tory majority" to rush it through the

proceedings.
The present inquiry followed the Guardian's expose two years ago that ministers Neil Hamilton and Tim Smith had received cash from Mr Al Fayed for asking parliamen-tary questions in a campaign orchestrated by parliamentary lobbyist Ian Greer.

The story led to the inquiry under Lord Nolan into stan-dards in public life, and a mentary procedures.

### Al Fayed vovs to win citizenship battle with Government

continued from page 1 cial reason being given or the brothers being refted British citizenship there as widespread speculation at it was motivated by "legly improper and purely politial

grounds"

In his judgment Lord Whif said: "Justice must not diy be done but seen to be one and it has not been seen the done in relation to the aglication of the Fayeds. Tay have not had the fairnes to

which they are entitled and the rue of law must be

However, he stressed that his ruling "did not involve any criticism of the Home Secretary or his department." After the hearing Mr Al Fayed questioned why the Home Secretary had made three personal interventions into the handling of his citizenship emilipation including

Mr Howard has said he twice insisted that the decision be taken by the then Immigration Minister, Charles Wardle. "They batted it back and forth between them," said Michael Cole, Harrods

three personal interventions into the handling of his citizenship application including a request that further inquiries made.

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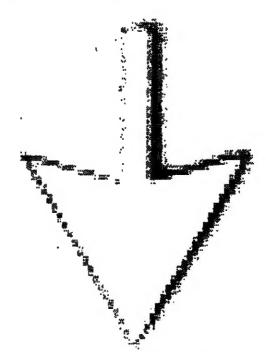
lished practice. The Harrods chairman also Harold Landy, a close business associate of "Tiny" Row-A Home Office spokes-woman said last night that Lourho companies. He claimed

raised questions about Mr Howard's "family relation-ship" with his second cousin,

Fran e was saved. More than any doings of politicians. any evel of deficit or surplus in the economy, it's com letely daft things like an inch or two in skirt lengh which make a nation feel good about itself. PhilipHensher on Yves Saint Laurent

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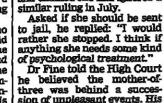
# Stalker with feerie Sir Jocelyn slates modern roofing for destroying fvernacuar heritage? grin' told to pay her victim £5,000

Luke Harding

MATURE student who stalked a university lecturer for two side his house with an "eerie fixed grin", was yesterday or-dered to pay him £5,000

A judge ordered Eileen McLardy, aged 50, not to "mo-lest, harass or stalk" Robert Fine, a senior sociology lec-turer at Warwick university. She was also instructed not to go within 200 yards of his home in Royal Learnington Spa, Warwickshire, where the had stood daily peering through his windows.

Judge Thomson QC, who ruled Mrs McLardy should pay damages because of the "stress and strain" she had caused her victim, said he had heard a catalogue of com-plaints from Dr Fine and "un-hesitatingly" preferred his





Robert Fine . . . stalked by his student Kileen McLardy

evidence to the testimony of office was broken into twice and a computer was taken accused him of sexually and his car was attacked four erhally harassing her. He added: "He was an honest and truthful witness who

undoubtedly suffered as a result of the conduct of Mr and Mrs McLardy, and I am satisfied her conduct has been an obsession . . . It was persistent. It was malicious." Outside court, Dr Fine — who is the first person to win damages over stalking — said he was delighted with the ruling But he admitted he was not confident Mrs McLardy would abide by the injunction, and claimed she had ignored a

to jail, he replied: "I would rather she stopped. I think if anything she needs some kind of psychological treatment." Dr Fine told the High Court

She and her husband Angus would parade up and down outside Dr Fine's house, ap-pear at the end of the driveway and look through the windows. She walked up and down with an "eerie fixed grin on her face" until she

He had claimed dan

ment behind 1994 and 1995.

for 140 incidents of harass

Mrs McLardy had denied

her own claim for damages.

Judge Thompson said the
stalking saga began in August
1994 when Mrs McLardy was

a mature student at Warwick university attending Dr Fine's lectures. "During the course of these lectures." he

said, "Mrs McLardy thought

an inappropriate way and in due course made a complaint

to the university — an allega-tion of sexual harassment."

When the 27-page complaint was dismissed by the univer-

sity authorities, the former student started her "ven

detta", the court was told.

Dr Fine was looking at he

min on her laboration of the local swimming pool.

Her actions made Dr Fine's life a misery and almost caused him to have a breakdown, the judge said, adding "The time has come for that



A traditional stone roof in Derbyshire, of the type English Heritage wants to restore and pr

yesterday shouted from raditional stone tiles, rites David Ward Standing in a quarry in erbyshire, Sir Jocelyn tevens, chairman of nglish Heritage, launche campaign to promote tone slates, traditional tom the Yorkshire Dales to orset since Roman times. He called for local carries to be reopened, ad denounced the use of encrete and fibre-cement

No roofing quarries are hing worked in hrbyshire, and there is a lack market for slates scipped from barns in the cad of night. Law-abiding hyers are obliged to obtain ates from redundant

rills.
"Our exhibition here aows the beauty of the ciginal slate," enthused fr Jocelyn. Nothing can place them. Nothing has te patina, the colour, the sstainability, the crability of the local stan Here in Derbyshire, sitstone slates are the ntural material for roofs hey make this different fom other areas. Roofs are asolutely crucial -- with feld walls and barns they se part of the vernacular britage of a region." He greeted as "terrific rws" cautious support for nw quarrying lent by the Fak District National Brk. John Tarn, chairm othe park's planning emmittee, said: "In my presonal view, we would lok favourably on reques topen gritstone quarries if tat allowed appropriate sites to be produced." English Heritage worked with Derbyshire county cuncil and the Peak Park

News in brief

### Police at odds over freemasonry

THE Police Federation is to oppose attempts by senior officers to introduce a register of police freemasons. The federation, which represents officers up to the rank of inspector, has accused the Association of Chief Police Officers of being more interested in being "politically correct" than in protecting the rights of officers.

Last month the association called for all officers to consider whether they should be members. The association's chief con-stables council suggested that the Government make compulsory a register of police membership of organisations which

require a strong sense of loyalty.

In a robust response, the joint central committee of the federation yesterday attacked what it called "an unwarranted interference with the private lives of officers" that infringed their civil rights. Officers took an oath on joining the service to act "without favour or affection", and the federation claimed that there was little evidence that officers used freemasonry to enhance their careers.

Last night Paul Whitehouse, the chief constable of Sussex, denied the federation's claim that the association had falled to consult before making its proposal and said he did not believe that the federation could object to "openness and trans-parency". — Duncan Campbell

### Religious adviser in court

A COUNCIL'S religious and moral education adviser yesterday pleaded guilty to exposing himself and performing an indecent act on a main road. No details of the offence by Michael Kincaid, aged 45, were given to Kircaldy sheriff court in Fife, and sentence was deferred to December 10 while reports are prepared.

After the hearing, Fife education officials said Kincald had been suspended after an "incident" on October 29. His duties had involved advising the head of education and working with staff in schools, including occasional visits to classrooms.

### Sport 'can cut reoffending'

PLAYING sport helps stop criminals reoffending, according to research reported tonight on Radio Five's On The Line programme. The two year project, conducted at the University of Sheffield by Peter Taylor, shows that sports counselling, which requires offenders to take part in sport on release from prison, cuts reoffending rates from an expected 64 per cent to 49 per cent. Results of a counselling scheme in West Yorkshire were all the more remarkable in that it took some of the most hardened

### British aid 'tied to arms'

A SHARP increase in British aid to Indonesia has coincided with arms deals to the Jakarta regime in breach of official guidelines, according to the World Development Movement, a third world pressure group. Aid to Indonesia doubled to more than £50 million in the five years to 1985, the year Britain agreed to supply Alvis armoured vehicles, the movement says in evidence to the National Audit Office.

Following the Alvis deal, Britain also concluded a special Aid and Trade Provision for the Indonesian Samarinda power statio sian Samarinda power station it says. A contract to supply 24 Hawk aircraft was agreed in 1993, shortly before Britain piedged a long-term aid and soft loan package totalling £81 million.——*Richard Norton-Taylor* 

### Hip fractures 'preventable'

THOUSANDS of people fail to get treatment which could prevent hip fractures and other injuries resulting from osteoporosis because of a lack of diagnostic equipment and poor awareness of

modern drugs, researchers said yesterday.

A report from the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry said esteoporosis costs £750 million a year in hospital care. Hormone replacement therapy was the main treatment for women, but other, new drugs were also available. However, a lack of X-ray scanners hampered diagnosis, and better awareness of the condition was also needed. — Chris Mihill

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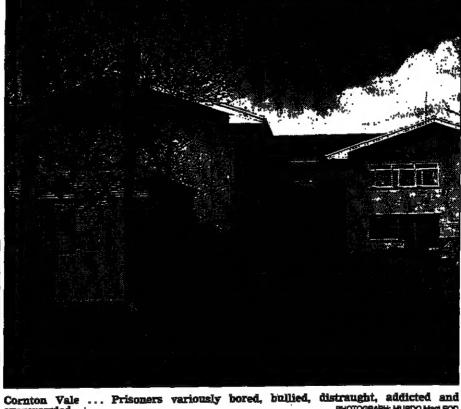
### Prison inspectors in Scotland and England raise problem of serious overcrowding

# Drugs swamp remand wing for women

Erlend Clouston

EMAND prisoners at a women's jail in Scot-land where there have een five suicides in the past 15 months were pathetic, de-moralised and inadequate, existing in a drugs-dominated and often degrading environ-ment, inspectors said yes-

Staff were overwhelmed by the number of inmates arriving with drugs problems. Three quarters of the 50-plus women in the remand block of Cornton Vale prison were on medical or suicide observation. "The conditions in this wing were not unlike a mixture between a casualty clearing station and a psychiatric ward," said Clive Fair-weather, Chief Inspector of Prisons for Scotland.
Mr Fairweather's report —



among their 183 charges. The | mates relieve themselves in challenge was apparent in the medical prescriptions for the prison — 2,670 in October 1993 and 5,528 in October 1995. The report presents a for-

The white paper says decisions about priority setting—the Goverment's term for

rationing — will be made

more explicit. It says health

authorities should not impose

blanket bans on particular

forms of treatment, but leave

it to doctors to decide

whether a patient would benefit.
The white paper says the

use of information technology, the professional develop-

bidding picture of over-worked staff struggling to manage variously bored, bul-Mr Fairweather's report — lied, distraught, addicted and that remand prisoners be the suicide rate — says staff were almost overwhelmed by the increasing drug addiction — staff to watch "at risk" in Samaritans, and agreed only

However, Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, rejected the recommendation that the prison hire another medical worker for inmate suffering withdrawal symp-toms and drug-induced fits.

chamber pots.

to consider further the report's suggestion that the Scottish Office investigate the provision of ball hostels for

female remand prisoners from the greater Glasgow. Mr Fairweather praises Cornton Vale's "committed and hardworking" staff, but suggests a more co-ordinated approach to their work, starting with the drawing up of in-dividual care plans for vul-

# Police cells to take overflow of prisoners

RISONERS are to be held in £300 a night police cells by the end of this week as an emergency measure to cope with the eep rise in the jail population, the director general of the Prison Service, Richard

He also announced that the Home Office had leased an old air force base, RAF Finningley, near Doncaster, for 18 months to hold 300 prisoners from January with a possible expansion of up to 800.
These contingency plans

came as the jail population exceeded 58,000 for the first time and the Chief Inspector of Prisons, Sir David Rams botham, warned that over crowding, money shortages and the "evil of inactivity" of inmates jeopardised improving regimes in the prisons. Mr Tilt also announced a big reorganisation in the

management of the Prison Service. He said the early release flasco involving 541 inmates whose sentences had been miscalculated had shown the Prison Service needed to be better run and organised". The changes will include a management unit to a reekend — MPs noted it look after the interests of wald have been cheaper to women and young offenders.

The director general said to 135 jails in England and Vales had "absolute cap-ady" of 59,000, but the 1,000 pices currently spare were th minimum needed. Ten thusand prisoners are shar-ir cells built for one. "If we grup to 59,000 then that figur will increase

M Tilt said. Tison service chiefs are hoing the seasonal dip in pson numbers between Decenber and January will reeve the pressure in time fo RAF Finningley to be pissed into service. A furthr 1,000 places have been ordred this week in houseb)cks built within the grunds of existing prisons. AF Finningley closed a

yer ago as a training base. It wil have perimeter fence bilt around it, and will hase low-security inmates. mstly in dormitories. The Pison Service has an option touv the camp outright. he imminent return of the us of police cells is particulay embarrassing for the as the House of Commons exoriated the police charges to holding prisoners. One

Wish force had charged £1:00 to hold an inmate over

# **Government details NHS vision**

Ombudsman critises hospital

after woman's fatal heart attack

tal, Ilford, Essex.

Redbridge NHS Trust,

Doctors and nurses assumed that someone else had broken

Health Service Commissioner

selected investigations April to September, 1996; HMSO,

### Chris Mihiii Medical Corre

HE Government yester day set out its vision of the future of the health service, amid allegations of electioneering and wasting In a white paper, A Service With Ambitions, the Govern-

ment paints a picture of how the service might operate in an ideal world, sets out five key objectives, but offers no proposals for legislation.
The document, which cost £170,000 to produce, was con-demned by Labour's health

spokesman, Chris Smith, as an abuse of civil servants' The five objectives are: a well-informed public, a seamless service, decision-making

based on the latest clinical evidence, a highly-trained and skilled workforce and a service which responds to patients' needs. The report contains fictional case histories of pa-tients receiving prompt and effective service where all elements of the NHS work seamlessly together to provide first

rate care. It restates the

founding NHS principle that care should be available on the basts of clinical need,

without regard to the pa-tient's ability to pay, although

Chris Mihill AHOSPITAL which left a women in an accident and the ombudsman

which manages the hospital has apologised. In another incident, Gwynedd Hospitals NHS Trust, emergency department for 10 Bangor, is criticised over hours until she died of a heart attack is today criticised by case where a man learned by chance from a nurse that his Sir William Reid, the wife had cancer, just a few Health Service Commisdays before she died. The diagnosis had been made at sioner, highlights the case as least two months previously. one of the 95 investigations he

September this year. In his report, Sir William points to a shortage of staff and a lack of beds as part of the reason why the woman was left for 10 hours in casuit skirts the issue of what hap- alty at the King George hospi-

carried out between April and

pens when doctors or health | ment of staff and putting qual- | fordable and new methods of authorities cannot afford it. | ity at the centre of manage- | providing health care should be looked at.
'The Government remains ent must all be priorities for

The Health Secretary. committed to the principle of a universal high quality Stephen Dorrell, said the document's purpose was not to look at immediate problems health service available on the basis of need rather than the ability to pay."

Mr Dorrell denied that the but to focus on the medium and long term future. Short term financial problems white paper was electioneerwould be addressed in the Budget this month. ing or a waste of money. The charge that to think beyond

Mr Dorrell said the Governthe next six months was electioneering was nonsense.
"The idea is to set out objectives which look to the future. "If people expect to see a de-scription of the health service today as it is experienced by

every patient and profes-sional they will say, quite properly, this is not how it is experienced or delivered in every case, but this isn't what the document was designed to Mr Smith said: "This white paper describes an NHS that many patients simply will not

recognise. It offers no solutions to the real problems that the NHS faces. "Stephen Dorrell's white paper is an abuse of civil servants' time. It contains no

proposals for either legislative or executive action - it is merely a set of woolly aspirations."

The National Health Service: A Service with Ambitions; HMSO, 28.25.

# The Guardian The Observer

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children in the current long working hours culture we in-

habit; that parental leave in the European model (which is

used more by mothers than by fathers) would be a good thing, but duck the issue of treating fathers as of high im-portance at the time a baby is born. A promise of a modest two weeks' state and pater-

two weeks' state paid pater

nity leave in this paper would

have beefed it up immensely. Family friendly employment

policies with flexible working hours for men and women are talked about, but it seems a

Labour government would ex-pect employers to make the effort in this area, which is

network of Early Excellence Centres where parents can get all day, year-round care for children aged one to

school age. But there is no mention of the need for help

for parents who need to go on working after school comes out and in the school

However good the pre-school foundations may be, it

is help in the growing and adolescent years that is most

said about these older chil-dren here is that Labour

would encourage bylaws to prevent under-10s being out

on the street alone at night.

If parents refuse to accept

responsibility for children's

whereabouts and behaviour

justice will deal with them -but these all deal with after-

the-event misbehaviour.

There isn't enough here on useful preventive measures,

though Labour will give

greater support to marriage guidance and family crisis

counselling.
I'd give this paper eight out
of 10 for good intentions, but
only six for the promise of

comes to dealing with the really thorny questions, how-

ever — support for fathers and child-beating masquerad-

unlikely.

Paper says

is not known

little that

already

Broadcaster and

gives two cheers

for Straw's

document on

child rearing

writer Claire Rayner

WARM welcome to the initiative, belated though it is. Many

workers in the field of

workers in the field of child care and development have been pleading for a long time for more government awareness of and support for children's and parents' needs. But the paper tells us little we don't know already; for example that the roots of delinquency lie in child paring

quency lie in child rearing

practices that include erratic harsh discipline (i.e. corporal

punishment), parental cruelty, passivity and neglect and poor supervision. Well, who'd have thought it? The

paper also tells us that 11 to

15-year-olds left to roam the streets for more than three

hours in the evenings are

much more inclined to van-

## The Guardian Thursday November 14 1996

### Party planning measures from nursery care to curfews

# Labour floats plan to improve parenting

Sarah Boseley

HE Labour Party launched a strategy yesterday to improve parenting in Britain, promising measures from nursery care to curfews and

Jack Straw, shadow home secretary, claimed the party was breaking political ground in an attempt to address the problems at the root of delin-quency and juvenile crime. "For too long parenting has been a taboo subject which society has been reluctant to discuss publicly," he said, ac-knowledging that even the many parents who did an ex-cellent job would welcome

more help and advice.
In the discussion paper, Parenting, the measures to tackle juvenile offenders tackle juvenue offendage a through encouraging a tougher stance by their parents are likely to attract most attention. But Mr Straw and Janet Anderson, shadow minister for women, recog-nised at the document's launch yesterday that the care or neglect of a child in the first years had a bearing on whether he or she grew up to become a delinquent

of 600 children in high crime inner city and rundown suburban estates, which found the rate of delinquency where there was lax parental super vision was more than seven times that for families as-sessed as being strict. "We have to accept that having a child is not a totally

private act but one that has significance for the whole community if that child grows up into a pattern of anti-social and offending be-haviour," he said.

"Turning the tide of delinquency and crime means looking at the early years of people's lives, their upbringing and the way parental responsibilities are discharged.
If we are not prepared to do
this we are doomed to spend more on police, insurance, courts and prisons."
The document pledges

Labour to encourage parent-ing programmes — which at present reach only about 28,000 of the 12 million parents in the UK with dependent children — and also to back parenting education in schools. It promises that Labour will consider starting a telephone information service and try to raise public awareness about parenting.



Poor parenting is blamed for casting a shadow of delinquency and juvenile crime over society

A more practical step for-ward is outlined in the pilot project for 25 early excellence centres, which will combine child care and nursery educa tion for 75 children aged one to three in each centre and be open all year during the adult working day. Parents will pay

This and the free nursery education for four-year-olds, with an expansion of places Labour intends to establish for three-year-olds, partly pilot schemes for child protec-

ries look like an accident, but attacked her again before es-

caping on foot.
Half an hour later a passing motorist who knew Weston well saw him perspiring and

walking in a hurry along a

The court heard that Mr

Thompson became concerned

about his wife's absence when

main road.

funded by the scrapping of the curfews to keep children the Government's nursery under the age of 10 off the voucher scheme, have already been offered by tation between residents, the ready been offered by Labour's education and employment spokesman, David Blunkett. time is bedtime.

More directly related to Mr Shaw's primary area of con-cern are the proposals in-tended to strengthen parental authority over older children.

local authority and the police would establish how the curfew should work, and what

Labour is proposing that the courts have power to im-pose a "parental responsi-bility order" on the parents of

counselling and guidance ses-sions to belp them control

The document says Labour will consider establishing a national task force to tackle problems" of the care system for children. The Penal Affairs Consortium, an alliance of 31 organisations, yesterday backed Labour's analysis that offending children. It would helping parents will cut crime require parents to attend in the long term.

dalism, and, just as blindingly obvious, that by the age of 14 or so children stop listening to their parents and pay more attention to their friends. What is missing, however, is adequate reference to the effects of poverty and its companion, poor housing, though there is an oblique "children from economically deprived Playing to American audihomes who avoided a criminal record tended to enjoy good parental supervision in ences comes naturally to the duchess, who told Diane Saw-

yer in Prime Time Live that Britain could be an un-Playing the royal family's expelled orphan on the talk And what about corporal punishment? Will Labour ban shows also comes easily to her, but the loss of dignity it in the home as well as at school? It actually teaches may not help her convert her children to be unruly and viccelebrity into commercial contracts. Revion disclosed

less crowded homes". No offer is made of improvement

lent, rather than prevents it.

Also significant by its absence is mention of paternity leave. Straw and Anderson and child-beating masquerad-agree that fathers matter, ing as discipline — there are they see far too little of their | no marks at all.

Government nursery voucher

John Carvel

cation and Employment Sec-retary, said the publicity would give parents of 650,000 four-year-olds a last opportunity to claim their right to a £1.100 pre-school education voucher.

But David Blunkett,

# Loner 'murdered woman in lane'

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LONER accused of kill-Aing a woman blud-geoned her in an "im-pulsive, sudden and ferocious" attack as she was walking her dog, Oxford crown court heard yesterday.
On the first day of prosecution evidence, the jury was told that Mark Weston, aged 21, attacked Vikki Thomps aged 30 and a mother of two with a stone or rock after she met him on a secluded lane in" Weston, an unemployed odd-job man and a near neigh-

in Ascott-under-Wychwood Oxfordshire, denies the murder. Mrs Thompson, who

worked part time as a waitress and was planning post-graduate studies, was de-scribed as a "popular, successful lady in the prime of her life". She had lived with her family in the village for four years. Nicholas Browne QC, pros-

ecuting, told the jury: "You may think that Ascott-under-

Wychwood is one of the very

On August 12 last year the day after Mrs Thompson and her husband, Jonathan. celebrated their ninth wed-ding anniversary — she took the family dog for a walk. Mr Browne said she followed her usual route leading to Shipton Lane and met Weston. whom she would have

'You have to imagine the peace and August last year. She suffered tranquillity of the village and the

> "He nicked up a blunt in- I the dog returned home alone piece of rock and attacked her to the head. She screamed for about 35 to 40 seconds and was then bettered and beaten with the object further to the

safeness we felt about this

face and head." Mr Browne said Weston; using his knowledge of the area, dragged Mrs Thompson across a field and over two barbed fences to the foot of a steep railway embankment. There was evidence that he

strument such as a stone or a He drove to the lane with his two children and, finding nothing, alerted friends and neighbours who mounted a

search. Mrs Thompson's bracelet and neck chain were found in the lane before a neighbour spotted her at around 7.15pm. Her clothing was intact and there was no evidence of sexual interference

She was able to mouth a few words to her husband before had planned to drag her on to | lapsing into unconsciou

last places where you would the railway, which was the expect a terrible murder to main line to Worcester, to take place."

the railway, which was the she was flown by helicopter to John Radcliffe hospital in Oxford where she later died. Mr Browne said Weston had few if any friends. There was evidence to suggest he had an interest in Mrs Thompson. He was seen staring at her house on one occasion, and was able to give police precise details of when

and where he had seen her. He was arrested three times before being charged, giving police contradictory accounts of where he had been on the day of the attack. After the murder, villagers noticed two bonfires in his back garden, claim he burned clothing Mr Thompson told the court he had not immediately

been alarmed when his wife did not return. "You have to imagine the peace and tran-quility of the village and the safeness that we feit . . You didn't automatically assume that anything was going to go wrong."

He had run to the scene

when he heard his wife had been found. "I asked her who had done this to her, how did she get like this, what hap-pened I was totally shocked to see her lying there." The case continues.

### War of words keeps Fergie talking on American TV

ERGIE, Duchess of York, went on America's top rated confessional TV talk show yesterday for an emotional public catharsis before 30 million viewers.

"I can't do it," she said as the TV hostess Oprah Win-frey tried to coax her to read aloud from her autobiography about letting down the royal family and the British public. Fergie, whose weight varies according to her love life, is hoping to sign a lucrative

voice of Weight Watchers International, as well as to sell lots of copies of her book. Weight Watchers said she was one of several celebrities under consideration for the role, to explain how the firm's

dieting regime helped even the rich and famous to become sleek and self-confident. Fergie's accounts of being bugged by MI5 and set up by "grey men in suits", as she describes palace courtiers, are perfectly designed for the strange culture of US daytime TV, where almost anything is swallowed by an audience hungry for the bizarre.

Diana comes to America, her natural haunt is the White House and the diplomatic and charity circuit, rather than the talk show.

ceeding with plans for a new Fergie fragrance. On the Larry King Live in-terview show on CNN, she was also being dogged by a

earlier it would not be pro-

friendly place.

Alan Starkie, who is promoting his own tell-all book about her, The Duchess. Fergie, so far, is nosing ahead in the book promotion stakes, with 11 talk-show ap-

pearances scheduled. The sad fact is that she is seen as a dress rehearsal, and a rather poor substitute, for the wronged woman that America really wants to see baring her emotions on their TV confessionals. But when

# ads 'political' claims Labour

THE Government was accused yesterday of using taxpayers' money to win votes when ministers revealed plans for a final wave of television advertisements to promote nursery vouchers in March — just before the election campaign is likely to start. Gillian Shephard, the Edu-

These advertisements are a politics-free zone," she said. shadow education secretary, argued that the campaign was "little more than political propaganda in the runup to a general election".

# **Tories look shaky** as beef delay angers Ulster MPs

HE Government was last night forced to pull the stops out to avoid a Commons de-feat over its handling of the protracted BSE crisis after the Agriculture Minister, Douglas Hogg, failed to reas-sure Ulster Unionist MPs that the worldwide ban will soon be lifted for Northern Ire-

As the scale of opposition became plain, Tory whips summoned all available MPs and ministers to Westminster in the hope of staving off a Labour-led attack which threatened to unite Liberal Democrats, Nationalists and most of the 12 Unionists in condemning what Robin Cook called a policy of "too little;

Since John Major's overall majority is down to one, Labour's best chance of forcing an early election could hinge on the beef issue - If Tony Blair feels confident that continued failure to ease the ban warrants tabling a no confidence motion.

With some Tory MPs angry at what they see as a mixture of ministerial ineptitude and European malevolence, it fell to Mr Hogg to try and per-suade them that the Government had done its best since the link between the BSE group of diseases in animals and in humans was finally led on March 21. But after he had been



challenged by Unionists

taunted with failure by the shadow foreign secretary, Mr Cook, and challenged by David Trimble, Ian Paisley and other Unionists, Mr Hogg repeatedly conceded that he had not resumed the so-called selective cull of 128,000 vulnerable cattle because there was no guarantee it would produce even a partial lifting of the EU-imposed ban.

He accepted that the National Farmers Union had reversed its opposition to the selective cull — which was stopped after the Anderson study questioned its scientific base in August — after several trate Tories pressed him eral trate tories pressed in to resume culling the cattle, in addition to the "30-month scheme" which has seen 850,000 older cattle destroyed since March.
The Liberal Democrat MP,

farmers were "ready and will-ing and able to start impleting that cull now as the first phase of the British implementation of the agreement" Mr Hogg repeatedly insisted that member states were "facing very strong infarming unions not to agree

to a rapid and substantial lift-

ing of the ban". He also warned MPs that it might be over optimatic to as-sume that selective culling would help either end the ban or speed the likely end of BSE in British cattle earlier than the predicted year 2001. But he did repeat that ministers were working actively for a UK-wide easing of the ban on certified herds with no history of BSE and clear pedigrees — an approach which favours Scots and Ulster beef producers.

Ulster MPs reacted with dismay after Mr Hogg ac-knowledged that ministers had not yet submitted "de-tailed working papers" to try to secure a lifting of the ban on such herds. Most were threatening to vote against the Government.

Earlier Mr Cook asked Mr Hogg: "Will you stake what is left of your reputation that the ban will be lifted in December? And if we miss December, is not the reality that we are looking down the front end of another year?" Tory MPs would have to fight the general election with most of the beef ban still place, he



Friends of the Barth marked the centenary of the repeal of the 'red flag' law with a protest that reduced traffic to a crawl in Leeds yesterday. FoE is packing a private members' bill by Liberal Democrat MP, Don Foster, almed at cutting road traffic by 5 per cent in 10 years

# Mackay firm on payments crackdown

Andrew Cutt Media Correspondent

Lord Chancellor.

TTEMPTS by the press to tighten its code restricting payments to witness trials were dismissed as insig-nificant last night by Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the

ment was determined to press | mons National Heritage com- | four significant cases in 40 | very significant change from ahead with legislation to out- | mittee: "The risk to impor- | years and self-regulation was | the code that was operating at law the practice. A consultation paper from his department, issued after

the Rosemary West case when 19 witnesses signed contracts with the media, has recommended a new criminal offence barring payments to plaints Commission, told the counsel are aware of any pay-witnesses or making it a spe-committee's inquiry into ments. But Lord Mackay said: He said that the Govern-

tant cases is sufficient to justify action ... If Parliament does not act in this matter it | code of practice has been is likely that the practice will | tightened, putting an onus on

become more prevalent."

Last week Lord Wakeham, chairman of the Press Com- that prosecution and defence cific contempt of court.

Dress activity affecting court | "The changes that have been | snows now and cases that there had been only made do not signal to me a dangers may be."

the best approach. The newspaper industry's

editors to prove an overriding public interest and to ensure

the code that was operating at supported members of the committee who said the definition of what was in the pub-

tered problems on a day-to-day basis. "The West trial

Roads blocked as ousted general defies president

# Serbs' power feud near boiling point

Julian Borger in Han Pijetak

OSNIAN Serb politi-cal leaders and senior officers were trying to negotiate a compromise yesterday after their struggle for control of the army threatened to escalate into open conflict with a string of tit-for-tat detentions.

Police and interior minis-try special troops with assault rifles manned checkpoints on roads leading to the military headquarters in Han Pijesak esterday to try to prevent ofyesierday to five on the flicers attending a meeting chaired by General Ratko Mladic — the wartime military leader wanted for war crimes by the United Nationa crimes by the United Nations tribunal in The Hague.

The meeting appeared to be a test of strength by Gen Mla-dic after Biljana Plavsic, the Bosnian Serb president, dis-missed him and his staff and called a meeting of senior offi-cers on Monday to back her olce of Major-General Pero

cide and war crimes.

'Mladic has to go, that's clear, and there are a bunch small market town in a pic-turesque mountain setting. The network of bunkers be-said Gen Colic, previously an obscure and relatively junior officer, may be intended as a transitional figure emerges.

Small market town in a pic-ture aque mountain setting. The network of bunkers be-neath the surrounding hills and forests served as Gen Mia-dic's wartime headquarters.

Officers loyal to Gen Miadia. possibly from the ranks of the



likely to continue. Colonel Slobodan Stancevic, a Serb military spokesman, said tele phone lines from Han Pijesak to other Serb-held towns in Bosnia had been cut. The army, in retaliation, has taken over a television relay station near Zepa, and is blocking broadcasts from

ing to Serb and Nato sources
— are trying to mediate in the hope of avoiding bloodshed.
Nato, which commands a 50,000-strong peacekeeping force in Bosnia, hopes the standoff will lead to the fall of Gen Miadic, indicted twice by the Hague tribuno?

stopped on the road from Pale to northern Bosnia and held for 10 hours in Han Pijesak, a

day accusing Mrs Playsic and corps commanders. the interior ministry of a Until a compromise is string of hostile acts aimed at found, the standoff between undermining the army, in-

cluding the abduction of offi-cers who they said had been coerced into swearing alle-giance to Gen Colic.

The army officers claimed that the interior ministry forces had taken over military installations, where they had been put on combat readiness. The statement accused the interior ministry of "inciting members of the Bos-nian Serb army to refuse orders from headquarters and

brigade commanders".
It added: "We remind the interior minister of our common bloodshed in five years of war against the enemies of the Serb people, and we appeal to them not to allow the ministry's services and units to lead us into a fratricidal war."

Col Stancevic said the Mus-lim-led Bosnian army was trying to gain from the Serbs' disarray by advancing into Serb-held land under cover of helping refugees return to their pre-war homes.

International mediators suspended the return of refugees across Bosnia's ethnic boundary yesterday after a clash between a Muslim crowd and Serb police in northern Bosnia on Tuesday, in which one Muslim was killed, and at least four people were wounded. Russian and United States troops separated the two sides, and yesterday prevented 500 Muslims approaching the area to try to ettle there.

Col Stancevic said: "This is a new doctrine — encroaching on our territory under cover of wanting to live together. They know our people don't want to live together so they will always pull back, and they [Muslims] will continue to get more ter-ritory. They have taken advantage of our situation and they will continue to do it until there is some kind of so-



Naked demonstrators, protesting against the sale of genetically-modified soys beans from the United States, disrupt a news conference by the US agriculture secretary at the World Pood Summit in Rome yesterday to demand "The Naked Truth" from him. Environmentalists, led by Greenpeace, are worried that the beans, modified to resist a herbicide, could be a threat to health

# 'Head on a dead body' Coal hole on dole asks court to let him die seeks a new role

Adels Gooch in Medrid

AMON SAMPEDRO, who has been paralysed and bedridden since a wimming accident 28 years ago, asked a Spanish court vesterday to let him die. "I am a living head on a

dead body." he said, arguing that he had a constitutional right to order his own death. A 53-year old former merchant seaman from Galicia in north-west Spain, Mr Sampe-dro started his legal battle in

case to the European Court of that recent reforms of the Human Rights in Strasbourg, penal code might allow a difbut it ruled that he must ferent interpretation. return to the Spanish legal

system, even though one of his experiences, entitled Let-the country's highest courts, ters from Hell, and the case He appeared at a local tri-

bunal yesterday, where he lay slumped in a wheelchair — he can only move his head and would need help to commit He called on the court "not to punish anyone who helped me to die . . . I could starve to

Judges have been lanient in cases of assisted suicide, but body who has spent so many euthanasia remains illegal, years bedridden should be de-He has already taken his Mr Sampedro's lawyers argue

has become a couse célèbre. Spain's Right to Die organisation claims that 60 per cent of the population support the legalisation of euthanasis.

But the Roman Catholic Church has strongly resisted moves to change the law. · Luis de Moya, a priest and academic at the University of

death, but why should I Navarre who is a quadriple-undergo the further torture of gic, yesterday added his had much to offer.

his talents, there is a great deal he could do, especially heiping other people in simi-He has written a book on lar circumstances."

N INTERNATIONAL Asserch is under way to find a use for Burope's biggest unwanted artificial hole — a gigantic opencast coal mine in Carmaux in the southern French dépar-

Opened only 10 years ago, the 700ft deep quarry called La Grande Découverte (the Great Discovery) is about to close after the extraction from what used to be a

Today it is an ugly com-plex of twisting, temporary roads spread over 2,000 acres. The 240 miners will

be made redundant. Suggestions for the site include a zoo, a car race track and a rubbish dump. Local planners are visiting Noeux les Mines in the Pasde Calais to study an artifi-cial ski slope on the 1,000ft abandoned siag heap. But most of Carmaux's 11,000 inhabitants believe the single-industry town faces

as a replacement for underground pits which then employed 600 workers - half as many as when coal extraction was at its believing there would be permanent jobs when the opencast mine was opened, and I expect we'll be

conned again."
The state-run Charbon nages de France wanted to shut down the operation in 1986, but the area is steeped in leftwing folk-lore, and the Socialist govnot approve the threat to a community closely linked to French Socialism's mer local deputy.

Potential investors have

only two months to come

up with plans. Most of France's former heavy industrial sites are already derelict. Exceptions include a Smurf theme park in Lorraine and an 80,000-seat stadium on the St Denis plain north of Paris for the 1998 football virtual extinction.

"Coal has been mined here for more than two centuries," Bernard Fraysse, a local shop steward, said.

World Cup. But if no feesible plan is found for Carmaux before Christmas, La Grande Découverte will be grassed over.

### US urges Bosnian factions to work for common good

Reuter in Paris

AMULTINATIONAL con-ference opening in Paris today is expected to adopt a two-year plan aimed at con-solidating the peace in Bos-nia with a smaller Nato-led

The failure so far of refugees to return to their prewar homes is regarded as the main problem threaten-

reviewed at the conference.

Speaking last night before the meeting, the United States secretary of state, Warren Christopher, urged the Muslim, Crost and Serb members of Bos-

their divided state.

peace treaty, which is to be | sion between Muslims Serbs and Croats has hin-dered creation of a functwo-part Bosnian state foreseen by Dayton.

Mr Christopher condemned the clash on Tuesnia's three-member joint day when at least two Mustional rivalries and bring two Serbs wounded as Mus-to life the government of lims, attempting to return lims, attempting to return to their homes in Serb-con-Despite elections in trolled Gajevi, were forced back by Serb police.

### World news in brief

### Women and children killed in attack on Algerian village

AGROUP of 20 to 25 men killed 12 Algerians, in-cluding women and children, resterday in a raid on a vil-Algerian security forces said: "Among the victims

were four women and three children." The killings in Donar Ben-Salah, in the Oued El-Alleug district, were carried out near the scene one week ago of one of the most bloody attacks on a village, attributed to Muslim fundamentalists, in five

the 12 were "assassinated in a cowardly way" — the term authorities use for civilians killed by having their throats

A security source said:
"Those killed were 10 from
one family and two other people. Some were killed with knives, others were shot." People in neighbouring houses said they heard

of the most bloody attacks on a village, attributed to Muslim fundamentalists, in five years of violence.

In a statement on the official Algerian news agency to use said they heard nothing.

The latest killings were carried out only two weeks before a referendum is to be held to change the constitution.—Reuter.



was welcomed yesterday by the Danish prime minister.

Copenhagen, where he accepted the European Union's Aristeion literary

prize after initially being barred by the Danish

government on security

grounds. - AP, Denmark.

Poul Nyrup Rasmu

# to get £11bn

noney would be spent by 2000 but the programme would not affect Greece's convergence targets for European mone tary union.

fighter jets, tanks, transport helicopters, submarines, warships and air defence systems, and on modernising F4 Phantom jets.
Greece believes it faces a

most went to war over an islet in the Eastern Aegean. Officials said purchases would come mainly from the United States. - Reuter.

# **Greek forces**

GREECE announced a major military spending programme yesterday, saying it was spending almost £11 billion on overhauling its armed forces by 2007. The prime minister, Costas Simitis, said that half the

The money will be spent on buying Awacs planes, 60

threat from neighbouring Turkey in January the two al-

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## Rioters rock French Guiana

PIOTS raged in Cayenne, French Guiana, yesterday for a third time in a week The authorities accused violent groups of trying to desta-bilise the country. Riot police fired tear gas at

stone-throwing crowds and fought for hours to push them back to the outskirts. Officials said the rioters hurled petrol bombs at the home of the The latest violence erupted

last week, in which one per-son died and at least six were injured, and millions of dollars in damage was done to government buildings. When the verdict was an-

nounced, bands of youths began to overturn dusibles and break shop windows, and tried to charge

Paris has flown in 200 paramilitary riot police reinforce when a court convicted segen

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Boutros-Ghali 'will go with dignity' if vetoed by US

# . UN chief accepts his time is over

Mark Tran in New York

HE United States will veto a second term for Boutros Boutros-Ghali as secretarygeneral of the United Nations next week, opening the way for a scrabble to find a succes-sor who can reinvigorate the

demoralised organisation.

A rumour that Mr BoutrosGhali might be allowed to stay on for another year is still circulating at the UN, but privately he has admitted to his aides that his days are They say he will withdraw

his name after the expected veto by the United States rather than jeopardise Afri-ca's chances of holding on to

the post.

The Egyptian envoy to the UN, Nabil Elaraby, formally nominated Mr. Boutros-Ghali yesterday to Nugroho Wisnu-murti, the Indonesian ambassador who is the current president of the Security Council. The formal vote and Ameri-

ca's almost certain veto are expected at a meeting on Monday behind closed doors. "He will withdraw out of a sense of his own dignity and for the good of the UN," a dip-

Once Mr Boutros-Ghali has withdrawn, member states will nominate candidates and a straw poll will be held.

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of scuppering the chances of other African candidates

Britain has not expressed a preference; the US is keeping quiet because its endorsement would scupper any ho-peful's chances.

has sunk to an all-time low. This week it was soundly rebuked when the General Assembly overwhelmingly endorsed a resolution calling for the US embargo against

Cuba to be lifted. Britain supported the measure rather than abstaining as it has done since the reso-lution was introduced five

Equally humiliating, and even more significant, was the US failure last week to win a seat on a key UN finan-cial committee — the 16-mem-

ber advisory committee on administration and budget-

ary questions.
This is the the first time the committee and it has hardened American opposition to Mr Boutros-Ghali, even though he had no vote. It is proof that we need an

other secretary-general," a US official said in a leap of logic that escaped most diplomats. As well as restoring morale at UN headquarters, the new secretary-general will urgently need to mend fences with Washington and win friends on Capitol Hill — a task made harder by recent developments at the UN

developments at the UN. Several women candidates

have emerged, including Mary Robinson, the president of Ireland, Gro Harlem Brundtland, until recently prime minister of Norway, and Leticia Shahani, a Philippine senator.
But diplomats believe that

an African is more likely to succeed Mr Boutros-Ghali. candidate. Universally popular, Mr

Annan, a Ghanaian, knows his way around the UN and is adept at reconciling different viewpoints.
"He is great at bringing

people together, but he may be too much of a compro-



Inhabitants of Nazca, 235 miles south-east of Lima, contemplate the destruction in one of the towns worst-hit by an earthquake on Tuesday which killed 15 people and injured up to 700 throughout southern and central Peru

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## Indian experts study aircraft recorders for clues to crash

Early theories are already being ruled out provide air traffic controllers Indira Gandhi airport but as the cause of the world's worst mid-air disaster, writes Owen Bowcott

NDIAN aviation experts were listening to recordings of the final words of were aware of each other's apthe Kazakh and Saudi pilots last night in the hope of dis-covering the cause of the world's worst mid-air

cockpit voice recorders from both aircraft were extracted, wreckage of both the Saudi and the Kazakh Ilyushin IL-76 freighter. They may explain why the two aircraft collided 50 miles south-west of New Delhi on Tuesday with the

loss of 349 lives. India and the former Soviet states have in the past been criticised for their air safety records. Last night it remained unclear whether the disaster had been caused by pilot or air traffic control error — or whether it was due to equipment failure.

Early theories that the Kazakh pilot could not speak English, and that he mistook his height in metres for feet, were being discounted.

"It is clear that the Kazakhstan airline knew it was to fly at 15,000ft," Yogesh Chandra, the senior civil servant at the civil aviation ministry, said after transcripts of the conarter transcripts of the con-trol tower's exchanges with the pilots were published.

The Kazakh airline's pilot was also aware the Saudi Arabian airliner was cleared

to fly to 14,000ft, and that the distance between them was 1,000ft, which is the standard.

proach, especially the Kazakhstan airliner, which now between us?"
"What the pilots did after

this exchange of conversation is something that can only come out once the black boxes are decoded." Criticism was made of the

taking off from Delhi's Indira Gandhi airport use the same corridor. But Mr Chandra said this was common prac-

tice in many countries.

### Painful wait for grieving families

might be sent home from India, writes Michael Georgy

"The brother and family of the captain, Khalid al-Shubaily, have been calling all the time to ask when his remains will be returned," an airport official said. Al-Shubaily, who had

more than 20 years' flying experience, was captain of the Saudi Arabian Airlines Boeing 747 which collided with a Kazakh Ilyushin-76 fraighter near New Belbi freighter near New Delhi. Staff at a special emer- one Saudi. - Reuter.

with more detailed information, may have contributed to the collision, the Indian Com-mercial Pilots' Association There had been three near mid-air collisions during a

six-month period in 1994 and 1995, following a surge in air traffic to and from India, it dian skies are becoming more and more congested."

The government had falled to equip major airports, in-cluding New Delhi, with radar transponders which would allow air traffic con- airspace. craft's height and speed. Ordinary radar shows only the plane's direction. A senior flight safety offi-

cial at the state-owned Indian Airlines said a transponder

RELATIVES of the Saudi gency centre at Jeddah airport spent the day fielding questions from distraught relatives, the official said. Details of the passengers on saudi Arabian Airlines Details of the passengers on Saudi Arabian Airlines flight SV 763 were being faxed to Jeddah airport

from India last night.
Relatives of Khalid Baakeel, aged 27, a Saudi steward, first learned of the disaster on television. "Then the airline called us and tried to break it to us gently," his brother said.

The airport official said there were 312 people on

there were 312 people on the Saudi jumbo, mostly workers from India and Nepal but also two Americans, some Europeans and

was not yet operational

But concern was focused of the Kazakh plane. The For-eign Office in London advises travellers to the former Soviet republics to "fly directly to your destination on a scheduled flight originating outside Russia". It adds: "It is not known whether aircraft maintenance procedures are always properly observed."

nearby Tajikistan are banned by the Department of Transport from entering British

traffic control centre, Robert Urtsev, said the Ilyushin planes did carry collision warning equipment, though some pilots, he conceded, had a habit of switching it off. Kazakh officials denied

claims that the freighter, owned by the deeply indebted Kazakhstan Airlines (Kaz-Air), might be at fault. But it emerged that KazAir's state emerged that Razair's state owners had criticised its safety standards before formally shutting it down in August because of its debts. Overworked crews and a shortage of cash for maintenance have been blamed for a number of enoughes suffered

number of crashes suffered by the new airlines of the for-

mer Soviet republics.

The Kazakh jet was at least the fourth fatal flyushin-76 crash this year. In April, one crashed on the Russian far eastern Kamchatka penin-sula; in June, eight Ukrainian crew perished on take-off at Kinshasa; in August, 10 crew died on a Russian Ilyushin-76 which crashed near Belgrade after reporting mechanical failure.

### Britain agrees to pitch in in Zaire

lan Black Diplomatic Editor

BRITAIN is ready to com-mit troops to help cope with the humanitarian emergency in Zaire — but not until crucial questions about the mission are clarified, it emerged last night. Senior ministers left a

meeting of the Cabinet's overseas policy and defence com-mittee bolstered by the United States decision to take part in a Canadian-led multi-national force but still unclear about its mandate and

"Ministers agreed that the UK should be ready to contribute constructively to the international response, including to a multinational force, providing a satisfactory plan can be worked out," Downing Street said. "We are discussing urgently with other potential contributors the scale and nature of that response." More discussions will be held today.

Contingency planning for brigade-strength deployment is under way but the Ministry of Defence lowered expecta-tions of any imminent movement by insisting that no

## Pot law reformer plans mass production

Christopher Reed in Los Angeles

TRIUMPHANT Dennis Peron, architect of the Californian cannabis reform law, plans to grow thousands of plants in warehouses to supply the

waterouses to supply the sick and dying. He says that the referen-dum law decriminalising the drug for medicinal pur-poses, which was passed in the November 5 election by a 56-44 per cent majority, makes his Cannabis Buyers' Club in San Francisco a "primary care giver", pro-tected from prosecution if it supplies the cannabis

But the city's district attorney, Terence Hallinan, is not altogether convinced. "I need to know more, but I think that would be prose-cuted," he said. "We see the primary care giver as a companion of someone with Aids who goes out in the street and scores an ounce for his friend to use."
The wording of the law is vague. Mr Peron claims that the definition of a care giver as the consistent pro-

He points to the club's record. For five years it sold cannabis at discount prices to 12,000 patients with the approval of city officials, provided the patients brought identification and a doctor's letter. "We gave primary care," he declares, "and patients

can now assign us."

Yet even Mr Peron's chief ally, David Fratello of Cali-fornians for Compassionate Use, says the warehouse plan "lies outside the spirit of the law". The law allows a patient to cultivate small amounts for personal use, he says, "but the matter of large scale supply and dis-tribution has yet to be

Meanwhile the state's pot farmers are sending this year's crop to market at an asking price of \$5,000 (£3,200) a pound. Their activities are still illegal and under federal law posses-sion and use of any amount of cannabis remains a

crime.
The state attorney-gen-

ing cannabis entitles the club to grow what is now recognised in California as a medicinal herb.

August and then arrested him, said: "It's a disaster. We have legal anarchy."

Nevertheless, he has not

gone to court to challenge the law, as his opponents expected. Mr Fratello believes that the state lacks sufficient legal grounds for

a challenge.

But he and others acknowledge that the state legislature should "tidy up" the law in its next session by clarifying some definitions.
The law lists cancer, an-

rexia, Aids, chronic pain. spasticity, glaucoma, ar-thritis, and migraine as candidates for cannabis treatment with a doctor's recommendation, and adds "any other illness for which marijuana provides relief". Critics say this is too vague and could lead to

Californian police officers are also confused about applying the law. which became effective as

Different forces have received different orders, but nobody claiming medi-cal need has been arrested since election day and at vider of "housing, health, eral, Dan Lungren, who least three pending cases or safety" to a patient need-closed Mr Peron's club last bave been dropped.

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# A question of integrity

What the whips were up to, and why it matters

loose ends to be tied up and it is as well for the issues to be aired in public before the doors are shut and the members consider their verdict.

It will not have come as a great surprise to anyone that David Willetts and Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith should have agreed on one thing at least about the conversation they had on October 20, 1994. Both men concurred that it was a casual chat which meant nothing and led to nothing. That much was utterly predictable. The committee must form its own view of such arcane questions as to whether it was really credible that Sir Geoffrey could not have known that Mr Willetts was a whip at the time and whether Mr Willetts invented half of Sir Geoffrey's conversation and choose 18th century phraseology to record the half he didn't invent.

The serious issue at the heart of the hearing is whether the Whips' Office was seeking in any way to influence the outcome of the Members' Interests committee inquiry into the Neil Hamilton

The proceedings of that committee have always been surrounded by mystery and controversy - even before the Willetts memorandum surfaced. Labour members were deeply unhappy at the time that a Government whip, Andrew Mitchell, should have been placed alongside them for the first time in the history of quasi-judicial committees. Sir Geoffrey admitted this week that he, too, was less than happy and had warned Mr Mitchell to keep his committee and whips' lives separate. But this is not merely an exercise in mass hindsight. In a debate on April 20, 1995 several Labour members of the committee voiced serious concerns about their own proceedings. One said now that the conduct of his son, the committee had "discredited itself",

THE JURY is not quite out on the Willetts affair, and nor should it retire quite yet. There are still one or two could not be impartial in Mr Mitchell's suppressed and that the committee could not be impartial in Mr Mitchell's presence. Another said: "The whole tenor of the committee changed as soon as the whip was appointed to the committee." The complainant, Alex Carlile, protested that, nearly six months after his complaint, no evidence had been called. Seldom can a self-regulatory body have gone in for such a public display of self-doubt.

That, to repeat, was before anyone knew of Mr Willetts's conversation with Sir Geoffrey. And it was before anyone knew that Mr Mitchell had written a secret memo to the Chief Whip about the business of the committee. That memo was produced on Tuesday by the Labour MP Dale Campbell-Savours, who claimed that it was part of a pattern of intense whipping at the time. Mr Mitchell is now due to appear before the committee to explain his behaviour. Its members should also call for the clerks' minutes of the Members' Interests committee, particularly its deliberative sessions.

This may seem a wearisome and Byzantine argument about events long ago. It is not. We are witnessing an important, 11th hour attempt by MPs to prove that they are capable of regulating their own affairs. Before continuing with the examination of the current case against Neil Hamilton they must satisfy themselves of the integrity of the very process in which they are engaged - chosen, let it be remembered, by Mr Hamilton in preference to the courts.

A postcript we have already ques-tioned whether it is appropriate for Sir Archie Hamilton to sit on the present committee, given his firm declaration of support for his namesake. Sir David Mitchell may also feel it is inappropriate for him to remain on a committee Andrew, has become a central issue.



end of its colonial road, as the Commons prenares to debate its future for the last time. Tomorrow, the Chinese foreign minister arrives in the colony to attend the first meeting of the selection committee, set up by Beljing, to choose the next chief executive. Governor Chris Patten is not discouraging speculation about his return to British politics. It is likely to be a smoother transition for him than for Hong Kong.

MPs will be lobbied today on the fate of the 5,000 or so members of Hong Kong's ethnic minority community who are denied full Chinese citizenship - because Beijing's criterion is racially based - but have also been denied the same from Britain. The campaign on their behalf points out that Britain is a signatory to a 1961 UN convention providing that the transfer of territory should not result in any person becoming stateless as a result. The Goverment may quite possibly concede the point, if not now then later during the run-up to June 30 next year. The numbers are small and confined to a special category: it will be an easy gesture to make. But it should not become a smokescreen to divert public attention from the larger issue.

The central question, which Parliament must address today, is whether or not Britain will defend, clearly and unambiguously, the separate "system" of Hong Kong — as guaranteed in the 1984 Joint Declaration with China against any future encroachment by

HONG KONG really has come to the Beijing. Britain has a special responsibility and duty to do so, apart from the moral obligation which it has incurred as the (ex)-colonial power. First, as a cosignatory to the 1984 agreement, it is best placed to submit any Chinese infringement to international scrutiny: other countries will be waiting for their cue from Britain. Second, the agreement provides for the Sino-British Joint Liaison Group (JLG) to remain in existence until January 1, 2000. The group has wide terms of reference: it may discuss anything concerned with the implementation of the Joint Declaration. In the past, it was China which broadened its agenda: Britain is entitled to do the same. Members of the UN Human Rights Committee in Geneva have already suggested that the JLG would be a suitable body to report on human rights up to the year 2000 and that Britain's responsibility to monitor the subject will not end there.

The actual handover is likely to go quite smoothly: Hong Kong public opinion has begun to show greater confidence. Potential problems lie further ahead, and will only be exacerbated if foreign interest is switched off. Mr Qian caused alarm last month by suggesting that political protest in Hong Kong might be banned - though the Chines foreign ministry later tried to soften his remarks. China itself may soon embark on a new transition as its leadership changes, and Hong Kong may have to hang on tight. So should Britain: we still have a real responsibility.

## Asteroids are coming (maybe)

That doesn't mean we have found a use for the H-bomb

could be more judicious than for the British National Space Centre to spend a day considering what might happen if from today. That is faintly reassuring. an asteroid hit the Earth. We all know that this was the way the dinosaurs met | scientists' neat device has begun spottheir doom (unless it was a tummy bug or one of the other dozen theories). We have heard that space is full of large objects whizzing around. One of them, labelled 1996 JG, half a mile of more in diameter, passed within less than two millions miles of Earth earlier this year within scraping distance by astrological standards. US scientists using the Near-Earth Asteroid Tracking System (NEAT) have discovered some 2,000 objects of similar size in orbits that may cross the Earth's path. An absolute giant, about 25 miles in length and oddly named Eros, is currently the target of a Discovery space-probe.

Eros, according to a recent study, has

IT IS PRUDENT to think ahead: so what | Earth within 100 million to one billion years, but the collision cannot occur until at least 100,000 years have elapsed It is the smaller asteroids which the US ting which are more worrisome. Could the stuff of too many science fiction novels one day become reality?

An eminent scientist has sparked off the new concerns by writing to the prime ministers of Britain and Australia to warn of the need for urgent counter-measures against asteroid-inflicted disaster. The only eyebrow-raising aspect of this is his identity; for it is none other than Edward Teller, father of the hydrogen bomb. Not surprisingly, the preferred method of dealing with an asteroid threat is . . . to fling an H-bomb in its way. On second thoughts, perhaps we are better off going back to watching the shooting stars in the sky a 50-50 chance of smashing into the and letting the universe take its course.

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Letters to the Editor

# Britain's attitude isn't working

can simply ignore the European Court of Justice (ECJ) ruling on the 48-hourweek directive and not suffer any consequences, it had better reconsider (Tories move to scupper EU 48-hour-week law, November 12).

law, November 12).

A few years ago, in the Francovich case, the ECJ ruled that governments which fail to implement properly adopted EU directives could be sued for compensation before their domestic courts. This means that many employees who have been employees who have been working more than the 48-hour maximum may claim payments for any loss suffered from the time at which the directive should have been incorporated into UK law. The Government stands to lose millions in the process. This would be poetic justice indeed.

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OBODY forced Britain to munity. It was the choice of a litive" argument was widely Conservative government, enlorsed by a referendum in

When we join a club, we are bound to observe its rules. If we don't like the rules, but no other member shares our point of view if we try to hange them, either we accept them, or we resign. Smashing the club-house windows shouldn't be an option. William Gill.

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accessful punter, I can-

If that is the case, bookmak-ers should display such no-tices prominently and issue

vember 8), if not your willing-

ness to see foreigners pay to visit a collection most of

whose origins lie outside the British Isles. Charges would

only offer a short-term solu-tion to the problem of govern-

ment underfunding, which is threatening the jobs of some

350 staff. Any revenue raised

by charging would doubtless be clawed back by further cuts

in the grant, and the museum would find itself in an even

worse position, with up to a

third of galleries closed at any

one time because of staff

The paradox is that many

millions of pounds of Lottery money is being spent on ambi-tious new buildings, such as the Great Court scheme and

the new study centre, while the museum finds itself strug-

gling to maintain even its

ent level of activity in the

present level of activity in the fields of collecting, research-ing, conserving and present-

ing its treasures. As these Lot-tery-funded schemes gather

pace, more and more of the

HE Government's resc-tion to the ECJ ruling is born out of arrogance and s cynical, "I'm alright, Jack" approach to this country's approach to this country's working people. Arrogance, because it is saying to the rest of Europe: "We know best and if you don't agree with us we don't care, we'll do our own thing." Cynical, because it and some of its cronies in business have never knowbusiness have never know-ingly gone short of a decent paid holiday every year. Why doesn't it go the whole

hog and implement the slave-like conditions of the Far Bast? That would make us even more competitive. Richard Dyer-Smith. 9 Albert Roar

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A T the time of the first substantial Factory Act in 1833, mill-owners claimed that the exclusion from employment of children under nine years old would lead to ruin; in 1847, when 13- to 18-year-olds and women were restricted to a maximum of 58 used by its opponents. Nothing helps a govern-

ment in power as much as a against the rest of Europe over "sovereignty" is real The xenophobia of the gutter press and the distortion of the facts by the Conservatives may yet give John Major his Falklands. Jim McGinley.

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crous to suppose that the mu-seum can both expand and

Amake it even harder for many UK citizens to visit a

museum or gallery. On set-ting up the DNH in April 1992, John Major said: "A country

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izens to pursue excellence in

sport and cultivates wide-

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and heritage." Admission charges and underfunding

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Long odds and dubious ends

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any other betting shop, a photograph as an encuse for warning that my bet is invalid unless my betting allp is photographed (Strange facts of sporting life, November 13). Not be consulted to confirm

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receipts to punters confirm-House of Lords, ing that such a photograph London SWIA QAA.

S a small and not very has been taken. Unless they

missed at the end of a voyage. D H Kedge. 71 Les Road, Sonning Common South Oxon RG4 9LH. YOUR leader (Bashing Brussels again, November 13) points out that Profes-

who took trade around the world, a very apposits com-parison. The 18th-century

lower-deck sailors, who did the hard work, endured ap-

sor Harington's governmen commissioned report on the health risks of arduous work-ing hours has remained un-published, shelved by the Government.

Another government report which comes to mind this week was one compiled earlier in the year by Professor. Cary Cooper and Dr Sue Cart-

wright at Umist. The authors her of people. Studies should hours per week doubles the lion jobs can rate of coronary heart disease" - a statement which is not particularly controver sial, or indeed surprising. However, this report was recalled from the bookshop

thelves because its date of publication coincided with the start of the Government's the Court of Justice. Dave Whyte. 16 East Albert Road,

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half-time scores RICHARD Dawkins, with typical scientific arrogance, thinks that wimesses OHN Major, in his Lord
Mayor's Banquet speech,
likened Britain's modern entrepreneurial classes to the
16th-century Elizabethans
who took trade around the
world, a very apposite comtransporter. The 16th-century
tions can be economic mismanagement by the Governgance, thinks that witnesses of, for example, poliarguist phenomena are "disturbed people recounting their fantasies" who should be sent off to a "kindly psychiatrist" (A hunger for wonder, November 12). Perhaps the same treatment might be suggested for disturbed scientists who as cert that the miverse was cremanagement by the Govern-

those who run our businesses and industries to palling working conditions, were badly paid, had no holi-days and were summarily disdo their jobs properly. Ordinary employees cannot be blamed for not working hard enough; the Government and the so-called managements of our companies have either been incompetent of

ripping us all off. Mark Hellen. 56 Bowthorpe Road, Norwich NR2 3TW.

> T is Hugo Young (Get real about job creation in Europe, November 12) who needs to "get real" about the connection between working hours and jobs. Long hours enable the employed to keep available work to themselves. Shorter hours allow work to be spread over a greater num-

ment and the total failure of

lion jobs can be created by eliminating overtime and another 1 million-plus jobs by reducing the working week. Moreover, with lower social costs from stress-related ill-ness, less absenteeism, and enhanced worker performance, shorter hours need not affect our competit-Stan Rosenthal

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reality", based on the up-proved and unprovable as-sumption that "the universe is an orderly place". Scientists make it orderly by producing "natural laws" to prove it; the higgest conjuring trick of all. Philip Lloyd Lewis. 57f Mallard Road, Bournemouth BHS 9PJ.

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ated out of nothing and fanta-sise about "multiple

Science, like art, is no more

than abstraction from "total

Science vs God:

THE doors unlocked by rational thought have shown us the marvels of the physical universe. But to think that this form of analysis is sufficient is like baving to live by eating bread alone. The tools we have employed for evolutionary success have included logical analysis. But so too have we found poetical, motional and mystical truths to be necessary for our evolu-tionary development.

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PROFESSOR Dawkins writes that the DNA alphabet has not changed one jot in 35 million centuries, yet illogi cally persists in stating that the species which carry it have changed through forces of evolution. Surely 90 per cent of the DNA in the human genome considered "junk" by cientists, and therefore disregarded, is the history of which be talks — the entire history of all species from bacteria to human being. This reality, which he blindly avoids, is the greatest evidence for the supernatural. A T Mann.

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DICHARD Dawkins's com-pelling insight into the eanty, order and mystery of science is remarkable both for its clear-sightedness and its sightlessness. How is it that be can come so close to a true understanding of the God-created universe and yet remain Alan Cole 26 St Anne's Close, Winchester SO22 4LQ

### The actualité

FIND the reasons for the dis ciplinary proceedings against Chris Brand disturb ing (Lecturer in race row sus pended for defending paedo-phile sex, November 9). The views he holds about the lower IQ of African-Amerisent to Iraq? Alastair Horne. cans are supported by a num-ber of senior academics in Magdalene College restigious North Americ Cambridge, Australian and other countries' universities. The same is true for his views on T IS reassuring that the Gov-

Qualitative research by German sociologists (who are not paedophiles ther might add) has been published which supports Brand's opinion that not all paedophile sex acts actually harm the children involved. Brand is careful enough to distinguish these acts from the rape and killing that took place in Belgium, for

I do not support Mr Brand's views in regard to the IQ issue and I am not even sure whether his views on paedophilia deserve serious consideration. But it seems clear to me that both of these subjects should be open to discussion and academics should be allowed to express public sup-port for views which are neither politically correct nor mainstream. (Dr) Udo Schuklenk.

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ONCE again a Roman Cath-olic priest has been caught abusing children (Priest who led Internet paedophile ring jailed, Nover 13). The response of the Church has been to issue a standard press release which states that it is "shocked and disheartened" and hopes that it can help the victims — as if t plays no role whatsoever in the process. It seems to have learned

more from Pontius Pilate than from Jesus Christ Brian Brown Orford Street Liverpool 1.15

IN the light of David Willetts's claims to have used word "in its Biblical sense" in his memo, is it not time to reexamine ministers' previous assertions that they did not "have knowledge" of the arms

ernment takes the threat of an asteroid strike so seriously (Report, November 13) but madness that it ignores the risks associated with the world's 22,000 nuclear war-heads. If it wants to save one to deflect an asteroid, could it se start now on getting rid please start now or of the other 21,999 Danny Thompson Abolition 2000 UK 68 Islington High Street

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### **A Country Diary**

GOLSPIE: The doors to the | years ago and I remember his hall in this east coast town were late in opening and it was tantalising waiting, as we could hear ducks quacking from inside. Then a small group of us shuffled through the narrow doorway, and we were into the 10th annual show of the Sutherland Poultry Club. The first bird I saw was a White Indian Runner duck that was being transferred to a taller cage as it neck was so long. The bird instantly amused me as it looked so comical - which is one of the reasons I have 10 white ones and five black. The first row of cages held the bantams — both light-breed and heavy-breed classes, and I particularly liked the Light Sussex, although in general I am not very keen on such small birds. Then to "proper" hens, as I call them, such as the australorps that looked enormous, aithough I doubt whether they were as big as mine, especially the cockerel, or males as the catalogue called them. The Rhode Island Reds were as big as the ones

my father used to breed many

used to kill brown rats. I did have Rhode Island Reds once but, against someone's advice. I let a bantam cockerel in with the cockerel - and the bantam killed it within a few minutes, before I realised what was happening. The duck section at the show was the noisiest, with one duck quacking the whole time, There were some very impressive birds on show with plenty of rosettes on cages, and in the corner was a table weighed down with cups, medals and plaques waiting for the award ceremony in the afternoon. I was told the judges took from 9.30 that morning until after I o'clock and I could well believe this as choosing the winners must have taken some heart-searching. One breed of duck impressed me so much I as thinking about getting some for next summer. These were Cayuga ducks - they were large and almost black and the drake, in particular, was very regal looking. How good it was to see so many keen youngsters in the room.

RAY COLLIER

### Diary

John Duncan

OHN Major is a busy man at the moment, what with protecting us from evil Eurocrats who want to rob us of the right to work until we drop with exhaustion and helping his party surf the tide of sleaze So imagine the surprise of a group of schoolchildren from Palmers Green (the Greenies to rival schools) when their day trip to Westminster and the environs was interrupted by a grey-haired man asking them if they wanted to come and see his house. The Greenies though, are well-trained kids and never talk to politicians. But yet again our brave youth were let down by their teachers, who dragged them after the grey man and forced them to look round 10 Downing Street with him. Can it be true that the country is being run so effectively from Brussels that Mr Major is now paid merely to

ERHAPS Mr Major was allowing himself a few moments' respite from developing a new initiative on crime? He recently sent a question-naire to voters in his constituency wanting to know how they think he should tackle the problem. The op-tions offered were: 1. Neigh lyes, we like them]. 2. Vic-tim support [yes, definitely a good idea]. 3. More police-men [can't get enough of them]. 4. Burgiary. [Eh?] Is this MI5's much vaunted new role? Will they be asked to steal everyone's video before a criminal gets the chance, thus reduct crime to new record lows? Get me a ballot paper, this is visionary stuff.

HE Diary may have ac-cidentally discovered the cause of unemployment — nobody is well enough qualified for even the most menial of lobs nowadays. Take this Job Centre advert. "Temp till Xmas: £23 per day: 9am to 5.30pm: Vacancy exists for a graduate (pref with a BA degree) to work in the degree) to work in the flower-packing department of one of the largest florists in the country. Suit person who would feel able to make up bouquets and wrap flower arrangements and who has an empathy with flowers." Quite why you need to study for three years, reject science, cultivate your intellect and develop an empathy for flow-ers in order to kill them and stick them in polythene for 22.70 an hour, is not imme-

AVING rumbled unemployment we de-cided to have a crack at the slump in advertising sales, and we think we have solved that one too. A friend at the Yorkshire Post tells us that a memo has gone round banning staff from eating garlic. It has been expunged from all canteen dishes. The reason? Advertising sales people were turning up for sales meetings and losing important clients because of their foul breath. Guardian sales staff survive on bread and water except after making a sale, when they are permit-ted a small digestive bis-cuit. A lesson to us all.

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HE curse of the cross-reference hit USA Today's sports briefs this week. The lesson? Never mix injury news with anything else. "Steve Young, the San Francisco 49ers' noted bachelor quar-terback, has announced his engagement to a Bay area woman he met last year in Provo, Utah. Young, 35, and Aimee Baglietto, 25, plan to be married in the offseason (Concussion makes Young questionable, page 6)"

HIRD instalment of our sensational serial-isation of the amputee counterfeit prostitute tale from the Lyme News.
"Police found Mr Saville
sitting in a car in Holbeach. He was searched and 27 forged notes were found stuffed inside his underpants." Now that's thor-ough police work. "David Burrt-Goffin, for the de-fence, said Mr Saville was full of remorse." You wouldn't have thought there was any room, what with all that cash in his pants. "Recorder Roy Ash-ton said: Think hard and long about the company you keep. "And, he might have added, what you store in your underpants when vou visit a prostitute.



# RIP—an inconvenient the line should be drawn. It was all a blur, which he alone could clarify. If just have to have a feel, he said, based upon some experience of our the assembled. But the work by the assembled are the said. Civil Service

### Commentary

Hugo Young

ICHAEL Heseltine ICHAEL Heseltine is the incarnation of corporate man. He believes in the seamlessness of the public and private worlds. Putting those worlds together for the benefit of Great Britain plc is the purpose to which his political life has been most consistently devoted, going back 25 years. Unlike Europe, it has survived as an unchallenged cause through all the ups and downs through all the ups and downs of his career. To him it is a business imperative, but it has other spin-offs, notably in the Civil Service.

When Mr Heseltine was found out at the weekend, try-ing to get civil servants to do party-political work, he res-ponded with outrage. It was well known, he said, that no-body was more meticulous than he in preserving the Whitehall proprieties, Leaked

Civil Service, Sir Robin But-ler, that such a deployment of neutral officials was unacceptable, he immediately acquiesced. That, he said, proved

how the system worked.
On the contrary, it emphasises what has happened to Whitehall norms in the past 17 years. I doubt whether this degradation, of which Mr Heseltine has been the arch-exponent, can be corrected.

His lack of fastidiousness goes back a long way. Before the 1983 election, as the MIS agent, Cathy Massiter, once testified, the then Defence Sec-retary, Mr Heseltine, sought to enlist her in the collection of evidence linking the Labour Party to CND. And after an MoD official, Citve Ponting, was acquitted by a jury of the charge that he broke the law by disclosing the truth about aspects of the Falklands war, the same minister did not scrople to shelter behind Par-liamentary privilege and tear the innocent official limb from

That showed the colour of Mr Heseltine's concern Later, when his exile from govern-ment ended in 1990, he papers show that he had ment ended in 1990, he to governance he conceded wanted civil servants to collect lists of likely non-political the Thatcher years had seen a gorically determined where

people who could be recruited congenial culture-shift. The as cheer-leaders for Government policies the country did tants and the growth of semiautonomous agencies had blurred old lines of accountability. The inter-penetration of private and public was far advanced. When its earliest philosopher became President of the Board of Trade, consultancies, if necessary copying one another many times over, superseded officials as the principal givers of policy ad-vice to the minister.

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For the past 18 months Mr
Heseltine has had another job.
It tests still more sharply the
seriousness of his belief in a
separation of the private and
public good, between the interest of the party and the interest of the country as repre-sented by the Government. As Deputy Prime Minister, he is in charge of the co-ordination and presentation of policy. He and presentation of policy. He sits at the centre of the web, a necessary role but one likely, especially as an election approaches, to raise questions about the difference between party and government

Rarlier in the year Mr Heseltine was questioned about that dilemma by the Public Service Committee of the House of Commons. In a long rumination about his attitude

ask civil servants to do and what I cannot ask them to do." He just knew when things were "moving into a party-po-litical dimension" which would be "embarrassing" for officials, and he knew when to call a halt.

Just before that interroga-

tion an episode occurred that shows how difficult such a judgment is. Was the Scott Report a matter of government or party? Hard to say. It was both. It investigated the heart of government, but it had intensely partisan impli-cations, with the life and death of ministers on the line. What is not hard to say is that Whitehall officials, steered by Mr Heseltine, were mobilised behind the most dishonest, de-ceiving manipulation of offical truth in recent times. The minister, as he made copi-ously clear, thought nothing of it. The politicisation of truth is the stock-in-trade of all politi-cians, but Mr Heseltine has perfected it more ruthlessly than anyone. As the minister for presentation, he is exasper-ated by the failure of the people to appreciate the multi-ple blessings the Government has showered on schools, hos-pitals, railways, utilities.

SEEKING some counter-voices to the incessant critics who programme, he hits on the idea of rounding up some apolitical service providers to deliver a happy message, and requests the apolitical Civil Service to provide the names. Sir Robin Butler's intervention to stop him is, in truth, of

invariably designated tempo-rary civil servants and always work hand-in-glove with the departmental apparatus. The result will be the same, and is part of a process that has gone on for more than a decade which is not the formal "politicisation" of the Civil Service but what I would call its de

Over many years, officials' role as givers of objective ad-vice and askers of inconvenient questions has been bat-tered into submission. In its place has grown a system and practice of surrender to minis terial imperatives. Despite the follies it has often produced, the pre-eminence of a political project has become the norm to which all classes, whether officials or politicians, are corporately pledged.

Mr Heseltine, caught out by

a leak, said the latest episode was an aberration, swiftly cor-rected. Actually, it is an apotheosis of the politicised world that he, impatient of the slightest opposition, believes is the pre-condition for driv-ing Britain forward. It presents a seductive example to any government, and a Labour cabinet would find it difficult to unpick, even sup-posing Mr Blair wanted to. And that is the trouble. Once the borderlines have been destroyed, why would a succes-sor government, with its own wholly essential project, be in any hurry to restore them? sacred tradition survives we should notice how insidiously minimal significance. The it has been eroded, and draw reason partly explains what the lessons.

# must be done, Butler says, by political advisers not civil servants. That is a picayune distinction. Political advisers are maker alone



Isabel Hilton

Office, busily preparing for the first census of the next millennium, has annext millennium, has announced that it is to start testing possible new questions soon. Among the innovations being considered for the census of 2001 is one about religious faith — which by law you would be obliged to you would be obliged to

It would be a significant step were the religious ques-tion to materialise; there has not been a religious census un If we have lived content for 145 years without knowing how many of us are believers, why, at the end of this secular century, should it be neces-sary or desirable now? To get a new question included, there has to be a demonstrated need for the information and the question has to be publicly acceptable. When it was first mooted, for instance, that a question on ethnic identity be included in the 1981 census, it was not found to be publicly acceptable - but it was in cluded (though not without de-

bate) in the 1991 census. So what need would a religious question meet? According to the NSO, the main purpose census data serves is that it helps planners to allocate resources accurately. Private religious belief is not an obvi-ous planning tool; but one working party that has been looking at the desirability of the religious question argues that religious affiliation has a bearing on all monner of pracbearing on all manner of prac-tical matters, from the likelihood of teenage drug-taking to the recovery rates from cer-tain illnesses. The religious elderly, for instance, need lower levels of social support than the non-religious elde and some insurance compa-nies already give significant weight to the religious variables when calculating risks.

presented, though. The controversial ethnic statistical data on which immigration and racial-equality policies were then said to have several years later that it was discovered that the data was inaccurate by 100,000 souls, or around 5 per cent. If the answers on ethnic origin can be so far out, why should answers on questions of faith yield statistically useful data? But the idea of the religious question is supported by al-most all Britain's religious groups, who are keen to have head count. And if the gen-

favour, then why should any-one dissent? The fact is that question on a census form that we are all obliged to answer raises goose bumps. It's bad enough that we have just had to suffer having the religious views of politicians rammed recent moral beauty contest. In inquiring about religious beliefs on a government form, an important line is being crossed — the line between legitimate data collection and Intrusion into private matters of faith or belief that need concern nobody but oneself and the deity of one's choice. Besides, how useful would such information really be? That same working party admits that religion is a comple and multidimensional phenomenon. The question "are you a member of a religious group?" is susceptible to a yes no answer. But the question "do you have a religious faith?" is not, not least because answering the follow-up questions that give it meaning - "how strong a faith? what do you do about it? has it always been the same faith? only on sunny/miny days?" — is not the kind of thing anyone wants to do on a government

tlemen of the cloth are in

your business" is not likely to there. "None/other/don't know" op-tion — a possible refuge of the secretive or anguished of soul is one way out, but it hardly answers the question.

ND what about the nonpractising but formally inscribed — the lapsed Catholics, the non-practising Jews, the secular Muslims. for sectarian purposes? Are they to exclude themselves on grounds of lack of application or include themselves on grounds of cultural heritage?

More than 80 per cent of the people in this country, according to some polls, claim to believe in God, but only 10 per cent go regularly to a place of worship. And that extensive marshland lying between the vaguely professed beliefs of the majority and the serious religious practice of the minority is where the relities of nority is where the politics of moral panic set in. It seems unlikely, now, that the people of this country will revive religious traditions that they

now? There is clearly some point to it for the religious leaders: a head count is always interesting, if you are in the business of influence or laying claim to resources. It might even be of interest to that curious new breed of politicians who want to reinforce their political standing by appealing to the Almighty. But these are vested interests talk-ing. The rest of us, that great non-worshipping majority, have a right to keep our thoughts on religion out of the hands of the Government

### Should transnationals like Shell and BP oppose human-rights abuse in countries where they do business? Geoffrey Chandler argues that they have a duty to their shareholders to do so

# People and profits

bia — opportunity occurs in the context of gross human rights violations committed by government or its security interest are more potent influ-ences than moral repugnance: to seek a selective boycott or disinvestment in a world where employment and national wealth depend in-creasingly on the competitive exploitation of overseas opporfunity would be to whistle in the wind or surrender to the

least scrupulous.
Company influence is limited, but real, and readily wielded for tax or regulatory concessions. If it were used for the improvement of human rights, the world could have a powerful weapon for its bet-terment and companies a better climate for their

But, say companies, that is not for us. Human rights are domestic politics in which we must not interfere. The busi-ness of business is business. Well, is it? The obligations legitimately expected of companies today include care of the physical environment—though this took decades of argument and pressure. Con-cern for the human-rights environment, however, meets with indifference or evasion.

Yet there are arguments of self-interest as well as principle which should cause rethinking in boardrooms, even if recent reports of Shell in Nigeria and BP in Colombia fail to shake corporate complacency more broadly. Abuse of human rights threatens the stability essential to long-term investment. While such abuse stems usually from govern-ments, there are human-rights hazards inherent in a compa-ny's own operations posing questions which any thinking company would be wise to answer in advance of encountering them. Will companies abandon their employees ar-rested for some ill-defined eco-



tions, perhaps trampling human rights? Will they buy arms for their own protection without adopting internawithout adopting interna-tional norms to avoid misuse? All these things have hap-pened. And if the corporate answer to these questions is Yes, how long would compa-ties and their shareholders resist international conden nation and the damage to rep-tration which would ensue? In the public mind, profiting under an oppressive regime finds an easy, if unjust, transi-tion to profiting from it. Cor-porate silence in the context of

groups provide a substitute for business leaders' myopia or tunnel vision.

The argument of principle

— that human rights tran-scend national boundaries and are not a matter of "domestic politics" or cultural difference — lies in the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

HIS calls on every-one — individuals and institutions — to "promote respect for" and "secure the for" and "secure the recognition and observance of such rights as freedom tering them. Will companies abandon their employees arrested for some ill-defined economic crime which may in China incur the death penalty? Will they buy the products of forced or prison labour? Will they use the army or public opinion and pressure of such rights as freedom from torture and arbitrary arrest, the right to a fair trial and equality before the law. This not only legitimises companies' right to speak out on these matters; it imposes an obligation to do so. A compa-

work lies ultimately not in the law, but in the "licence to operate" granted it by society. This "licence" broadly represents society's expectations about the manner in which a company carries out its le-gally permitted activities. The abolition of slavery and of child chimney-sweeps, and the improvement of health and safety at work, were in their day vigorously fought by all but the most enlightened business leaders on the grounds that they would destroy enter-

prise and prosperity.

Today the DTI delegates any problems of human rights to the Foreign Office. The Deputy Prime Minister was allent on the issue when leading in May a human company pages. May a huge company repre-sentation to China. But while government indeed has a role.

in which they work, have a continuing opportunity to im-prove the situation. In a series of recent adver-tisements Mobil argues, self-servingly, that the company

it is different from that of

companies which, as effec-tively citizens of the countries

should not "cut and run". Yes indeed. It is therefore hard to see this as anything more than a smokescreen for the real immediate issue - Mobil's failure to follow Shell's example; however inadequate and belated, in speaking out over Nigeria where the com-There are, of course, compa-nies which manufacture and

trade in torture equipment or willingly see their products used for oppressive purposes. But they are the rare exception whose exposure and condemnation should not be left, as now, by the business world to the media or the voluntary sector. Business has too long shunned any central moral code or moral arbiter on any matter other than money. matter other than money.

The voluntary sector does not uniquely hold the high moral ground. Companies also contain people with ideals — who may come face to face with violations, and must ultimately force that the sector of t mately force their companies to act of their own volition rather than be shamed into action by world opinion. To exaggerate the role or complicity of companies does

no good to the cause of human rights. It would be a sad day for democracy if transnational companies in truth had the power their more vociferous critics attribute to them. But themselves as impote themselves as impotent is to invite exaggerated ripostes. Companies have a clear choice: to use what influence they have, or to do nothing. There is no activity without risk: If they speak out they may incur the anger of government. If silent, the certain price is reputation, which price is reputation — w is, of course, everything.

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# Un petit conseil, M Blair

Memo from Alex Duval Smith to Leader | He trampled on Israeli sen of Opposition: how to avoid putting your foot in it with that nice President Chirac

OU will arrive tonight in a country deeply ill at ease with the realisation that it is a corner shop in the global village. In stated objective. Month by your meetings tomorrow with French politicians and business leaders, you would therefore be wise to avoid

certain topics. Your Eurostar will be one

sitivities in the Middle East. Next week, he goes to Japan. At every turn he shows himself to be

The French won't be fooled. Beset with gloom, they are impatient for a convincing assertion of France's greatness. The National Front leader, Jean-Marie Le Pen, has reelised this and is gaining ground by criticising Europe and the widespread Establish-ment corruption in France. Reactionary he may be, but at least he has policies. Before the 1968 uprising. Le Monde famously carried

last week asserted that France is as fed up with its monarchical presidency as-it was with its royalty in 1788. In 1789, there was a In a land where Liberti. Egalité, Fraternité are seri-cusiy on the line, John Major has unwittingly added fuel to the fire. Last

week, before the Franco-German summit, he stated that France (average working week: 39.8 hours) should look to Britain for an example of how an econ-omy should be run. President Chirac and the

meet for lunch tomorrow quietly agree: paying the social charges of French employees is just too expen-sive. But being lectured by the Anglo-Saxons is just too much. So a decree went out and, sure enough, beef-

minister, Charles Pasqua, | England" were found in a fridge at the Hard Rock Cafe. It was closed down. Last weekend, trading-standards officers effectively closed down another place with an un-French sounding name. At Crazy George's, people who do not usually qualify for credit may take home television sets against weekly payments of £5 — making for very expensive viewing

purchase period. France is not especially in an anti-British mood. It is anti anything-which-is-not-French. It is also sensitive business leaders you will about anything French which is not working well,

over the three-year hire-

like the economy. Steer clear, therefore, of speaking your mind on Europe, trade unions, the amazing British economy, welfare and corruption. As per normal, in other

cent of the government's stated objective. Month by month, unemployment has crept up and now stands at 12.6 per cent. President Jacques Chirac argues that the single-currency bonanza will make this all worth of the few trains pulling while. In the meantime, he into the Gare du Nord this is asserting France's place of the few trains putting into the Gare dn Nord this evening, as rail unions begin a 24-hour strike. They are marking the first anniversary of protests sparked by government cuts to the strike Rwanda-Zaira conflict.

**Beecher Moore** 

# Science of information

continuing 30 vears after its launch, content addressable file storage (Cafs) has been one of the British computer industry's few com-mercial successes. It was Gordon Scarrott, who has died aged 80, who conceived and developed the disc store that could be searched "on the fly", independent of the main processor, giving far higher using conventional discs.
He also developed the dis-

tributed array processor (DAP), at its launch in 1978 the first massively parallel processor in the world, from signs by his colleague Stu-

arr sedaway.

Even the earliest model contained 1,000 processors, and the DAP is still in use for such diverse applications as clippings in Reuters' vast ar-chives, and image processing of the clip's grammar school, research and advanced devel-for minefield detection in the but despite his mathematical opment organisation in 1967.

**Don Kenyon** 

Scarrott was a practical

retirement a theorist, criticising industry and academia for its failure to recognise and develop an underlying science of information. The day he died he completed The Purpose and Nature of Informotion, which was read last week at an Institution of Elec-trical Engineers' information science workshop.

He hoped, after 15 years of speaking and writing about his theories, that this workshop, convened at his request and bringing together information experts from microbi-ology, software engineering. business organisation and public policy, would endorse information science as a valid discipline. The workshop did indeed agree to bring all these strands of information theory together. Gordon Scarrott was born

TH more than American defence depart- ability his father, a tailor. would not let him go to uni-versity. Thus did he attend Faraday House College of Electrical Engineering.

missioned in the Royal Artillery and served as an instruc-tor at the school of survey, Larkhill. There he worked on the development of soundranging instruments to improve artillery efficiency. On Salisbury Plain, he became

an inventor. After the war Sir Laurence Bragg offered him a job at Cambridge's Cavendish Lab-oratory, designing instru-ments for nuclear physicists. One was a pulse height analyser, developed in collabora tion with George Hutchinson In 1958 they received a Dud-dell medal from the Physical His computer work started with the company — surviving several mergers — to be

come manager of ICL's research and advanced devel-

Cass was awarded the Brit ish Computer Society Award in 1980, and the Queen's Award for Industry in 1985 Both Cafs and DAP would

have been even more success-

ful had not ICL's management

in the 1970s been wary of com-mitting itself to machines so

different and so far in ad-vance of mainstream technol-

ogy. The fate of the systems is

puter industry: excellence in innovation, but failure to

rott fought to keep his team's projects alive and its memers gave him great loyalty in return. Loyalty downwards had to be given, he observed, but loyalty upwards had to be earned. He was no respecter of persons, and once told one of his managing directors: "All ICL's plans are unsuc-cessful and all our successes

His most original work may have come after his 1981 retirement. As an engineer, he believed that the term "computer science" was an oxymoron, because a computer is an artifact, whereas science has to do with the natural world. However, he did see "information" as some-thing that exists in nature, and therefore a proper subject for scientific study. Such an information science could eventually have practical use,

solving what he called the

a microcosm of Britain's com- | "software crisis", the prevalence of catastrophic software failures.

crack" between the life sciences and physical science, he wrote in that last paper. In the physical world, processes move towards disorder, but living organisms manifestly defy physical law, and use in-formation to create order out

of disorder. His belief was that informa tion would come to be recognised as a fundamental element in the natural world, permitting life science and physical science to be

these ideas taken seriously. It is a tragedy that the breakthrough may have come a so soon after his death. He married Joan Pickard in 1941, they had one daughter.

Gordon Scarrott, engineer, born May 8, 1916; died October 25,

goes to sea EECHER Moore, who has died aged 88, was 535, Vagabond, a Thames A-£35, Vagabond, a Thames A-Rater, and determined that he the last surviving would reverse her poor racmember of the crew ing record. He added nine feet of Endeavour, Sir Thomas to her mast and supported the Sopwith's 1934 challenger for the America's Cup. Moore to ner mast and supported the extra power developed from the rig by having his crew hang from a device he called the belirope, which was attached to the mast so that they could stand on the gungale of the best thus was the oined the boat as one of the Royal Corinthian Yacht Chib's volunteers after talks between Sopwith and his professional crew over payments had broken down. Moore also

The trapeze

trapeze invented. invented the trapeze, which is now part of almost every sail-Two years later, Sir Peter scott stood in as one of his crew and was so impressed with the device that he introduced it to the International ing dinghy.
"I spent most of my time below decks preparing sails," he said of his Endeavour ex-14 class, and won the Prince of Wales Cup. The class im-mediately banned the trapeze perience. He would talk of the few weeks of preparation on board Sir Richard Fairey's Shamrock. While the aircraft and stifled its development elsewhere soon after the war, Moore had the chance to help Holt foster a project, and a manufacturer spoke of his wind tunnel testing of sails, Moore found that the boat was run "like a country house in that the gentleman does not go into the kitchen." Moore added: "He didn't heaper alternative to the International 14, the Merlin.

They figured not only as promoters but as sailors of hese boats, Moore winning know that the foresail backed the jib almost all the way the class championship fou times, three of them with his Moore became an adminisbusiness partner. He always regretted that when the class trator of the sport and a dy-namic influence on the indusamalgamated to become the Merlin-Rocket in 1951, that it ry that surrounds it. He was the business partner of small boat designer Jack Holt, who died last year. The combina-tion of Holt's inventiveness and Moore's marketing skills lost 30 inches from its mast height. He and Holt then de-veloped the Hornet, a 16-footer ite - he won the class world

wale of the boat: thus was the

championship four times. Moore's business interests His passion for sailing could have taken him to the 1936 Berlin Olympics as crew ranged from restaurants to theatre clubs, from engineering to stationery, but it was sailing which commanded his attention. He kept in touch to the last from his Middle Temple residential chambers. of the British star class boat, but Moore, born an Ameri-can, refused to change his nationality. His sailing began on the Thames and his first boat was a 12-footer, a reward from

common entrance examina-tions. "I would sail this boat

his father for passing the

from early morning to late at night," he recalled. Back from

round the course.

around sailing.

a special reason to mourn the death of John Gorman (obituary November & House of the world's students became any least of devising new shapes in one of the world's oldest crafts. Many of his students became gade Association to mark the 60th anniversary of the war. With a foreword by Michael and debilitating illness Foot it is a beautifully illustrated record of 55 memorials throughout the British Isles women who volunteered to light fascism in Spain.

Professor P D Hobsbaum orites: The scholar and critic Geoffrey Strickland (obituar) *November II*) was one of a remarkable generation of mid-1950s Cambridge poets along with his near-contemporaries Ted Hughes, Thom Gunn and Peter Redgrove. Like them, he figured in the Cambridge magazine Chequer, and in Cambridge Poetry 1954, edited by Karl Miller. Unlike them, he never published a collection but he enduringly beautiful work, continued to write poems, as not his contribution to any published a collection but he has been said, "reflecting his faith.
sensitive and deep-thinking personality". One can only hope that a way will be found

for these poems to be brought together in a definitive John Pilgrim writes: The pot-ter Siddig El Nigoumi (obttu-ary, October 28) was a pervasive influence on students and a technical revolution of African and Arab tech that created the now fashion able practice of burnishing and carbonising, instead of glazing, to achieve the won-derful rich browns, blacks and blues that he used himself. He invented the making of stoneware moulded dishes and managed the extraordi-

ary November 6). He was coauthor of Memoriais of the
Spanish Civil War, very much
in the style of his Banner
Bright and published this
year by the International Brias he had been in Khartoum.

marked his final years. So although his work was in the Victoria and Albert Museum. it was not unknown for him to sell his simple elegant and beautifully functional work in pubs to make ends meet. It is not a new story. Yet few people in the often carnivorous world where he worked can have inspired so much affection, or so much emulation.

Dehorah Ardizzone writes The obituary of Siddig El Nigoumi failed to mention that apart from three daughters the potter had a son. Siddig, this gentle, friendly man, was not particularly religious and will be remembered for his

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# A heavyweight bat

cricket. He was 14 stone of solid uncomplicated skill as an opening batsman, and earned respect and authority as county captain and later president. His New Road playing career lasted from 1946 until 1967; in that time, he scored more than 37,000 runs and made eight appearances for England. There were 74 centuries from his bat; 19 times he scored 1,000 runs in

And there was something warmly apposite, however abrupt, about the way he died. Worcestershire were celebrating the 25th anniversary of their popular winter cricket evenings, Kenyon had been invited as the special guest and came off the back foot. Was due to show the cinefilm If the fast bowlers he had taken while a player on an international tour made by after a rapturous reception, apologised for the quality of the film-making, and collapsed. He was taken to hospital where he died.

He was a Staffordshire man with the pragmatic no-nonsense ways nurtured in his Wordsley roots. He was not an extrovert and he didn't go much for idle conversation. Yet he could be a sagacious and kindly companion in the

dressing room.

Kenyon loved his family

and Ceylon with him. Ken-yon, he recalled, was so homesick - his daughter was born during the tour — that it af-fected his cricket. It was Kenyon who indirectly persuaded Graveney to join Worcester-

As a skipper Kenyon was in control. No one saw him panic or have misgivings, but he was hardly a risk-taker. Staffordshire men didn't play or command with a dramatic flourish. The drama came more by implication in his batting when he was in a hurry, as he liked to be. He had plenty of shots, played the pull and the hook with some relish, and was happiest of all taking on the fast bowlers. Many of his runs

If the fast bowlers were from Yorkshire, so much the better. He would admit, with county. He got to his feet | that slow smile of his, that he willed himself to do well ber the potent homemade against them. There are many at Kidderminster who remember how he succeeded in 1956 with his 259, laden with handsome attacking strokes in most directions. His shoulders were broad; it was often difficult to set a field to him.

fielders, but before he stationed himself in the obligatory positions for a team captain, he used to hold on to and life at home. Tom Gra- a succession of slashed cuts to

ON KENYON, who veney a team-mate and good deepish gully with unfussy has died aged 72, symbolised the best of MCC tour to India, Pakistan a footballer and although comfortably built, his reflexes were surprisingly sharp, as

> discover. That he played only eight times for his country must be attributed largely to the presence of Hutton and Wash-brook. His Test record hardly bore out his technical skills and challenging blade, though he did take 100 off the Australians at Worcester.

Essentially he was a fine county cricketer. There were more runs and centuries from him than from any other Worcestershire player. He made 589 appearances for the county and led them with a self-effacing pride from 1959-67, during which time they twice won the championship. For eight years he was a

1989 he was Worcestershire's president. Worcestershire damson wine he brought to meetings. Graveney recalled his unwavering honesty, and a day during the school holidays when he walked past the New Road nets and saw Kenyon bowling — to his grand-son. Kenyon leaves his wife, Jean, and two daughters.

**David Foot** 

Donald Kenyon, cricketer, bore May 15, 1924; died November, 12, 1996



Kenyon in full flow at the Oval in 1967, with Surrey's Arnold Long and Stuart Storey

Hinton . . . emotional power

### Paula Hinton

# Creative roles of a dancing muse

AULA Hinton, who has died aged 72, was the su-preme dramatic ballering of her generation of Britsh dancers and the creator of many roles in ballets by her husband, the choreographer Walter Gore. Born in Birkenhead, she

joined Ballet Rambert in 1944 and remained with that company until 1950. In Australia, during the company's artisti-cally brilliant, if financially disastrous 1947-8 tour, she created her first major role, dancing, prophetically, with Sally Gilmour and Walter Gore in his ballet Winter Gore in his ballet Winter Night, which was first staged old love discarded for a new.

company, Hinton inherited many of her roles but established herself as a dancer of extraordinary emotional power when she created the title role in Gore's Antonia (1949) a ballet about sexual ealousy.

She also danced with Les Ballets des Champs Elysees, the original Ballet Russe, no tably in Le Cog d'Or, and Festival Ballet — she was an un-forgettable Giselle. From 1956-8 she was principal dan-cer at the Frankfurt Opera when Gore was director of ballet there. In Frankfurt she created another sensational role in his ballet Die im Schotten Leben (Eaters of Dark-

pigsty any longer. "Keep vac-uuming, grumbling angrily.

with you. Raise your hand, and when you're called on,

. Bring a small cactus to class

say that the cactus has a ques

tion. Turn and look at the cac-

rus, as if you're waiting for it

to say something. After a few

moments, shrug, and wait for

your professor to move on. Do

the cactus every time, sighing

looks when it fails to "speak."

after class, start yelling at the

mbarrassed me AGAIN...."

When your professor gives

you a syllabus, take it home.

correct it, give it a grade, and

return it to the professor. De-

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When you leave the room

asylum by her husband who, although perfectly sane, be-comes mad by reason of what the experiences there. Later in 1958 at the Edinburgh Festival, Gore and Hinton had another great success with his Night and Silence, a ballet about jealousy and forgive-ness for just two dancers --David Poole was the man. Gore worked with man companies, worldwide, with

Hinton always his ballerina and muse. Among them were the Norwegian National Bal-let, the Gulbenkian Ballet in Lisbon, and the company in Augsburg. They returned to

President Clinton announced

US plans to deploy over 75,000

vowels to the war-torn region

ness) which was based on the England, home to Birken-19th century case history of a young bride, committed to an tremendous comeback dancing Night and Silence with Northern Dance Theatre --now Northern Ballet Theatre. and, although Hinton made

Walter Gore died in 1979 valiant efforts to keep his ballets alive, the strain and the loss of Wally, from which she never really recovered, took their toll. Her last years were spent in virtual seclusion from the dance world, which now mourns the loss of a great artist.

Mary Clarke

Paula Hinton, dancer, born June 1. 1924; dled November 5, 1996

### Birthdays \*

Charles, Prince of Wales, 48; Dr Boutros Boutros-Ghall, UN Secretary-General, 74; Quentin Crewe, writer, restaurateur, 70; Paul Dacre, editor, Daily Mail, 48; Letitla Dean, actress, 29; Michael Dobbs, novelist, 47; David Elstein, chief executive, Channel 5, 52; Stefano Gab-bana, fashion designer, 33; Freddie Garrity, pop singer, 56; Natalia Gutman, cellist, 54; Bernard Hinault, cyclist, King Hussein of Jordan, 61: Peter Katin, concert pianist, 66; Mark LeFanu, secretary, Society of Authors, 50; Shula Marks, Professor of Com-monwealth History, University of London, 60; Sarah Rad-clyffe, film producer, 46; David Shaw, Conservative MP, 46; Koji Tatsuno, fash-

ion designer, 33; Chris Woods, footballer, 37.

he entire Expo.

To get the competitors

cages; an Oreo waited at the finish line as incentive for

straggling swine, Unfortu

nately, by the Expo's third day the little porkers ap-

peared to be pooped — most had slowed to a brisk walk

before they languidly stepped

150-foot sawdust track four over the hurdles. The auditimes daily — was by far the ence, most members of which didn't look ready for anymost popular attraction of thing more aerobic than a brisk walk themselves, didn' properly prepared for each race, a handler rattled their

seem to mind. Just one of the attractions at the annual World Pig Expo held this year in Iowa, where hog conventioneers were treated to a wide array of pigand-pork-related entertainment. Reported in Spy maga-

Gift of tongues

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**Emily Sheffield** 

# Jackdaw

### **Teacher torture**

1. BRUSH your teeth during class. While doing so, raise your hand as if you have a question, and mumble your question incoherently while brushing, spewing toothpaste all over the place. If your professor objects to your actions, go on a tirade about proper

oral hygiene. 2. Sit way at the back of the room, up against the wall, to cet as far away from your professor as possible. While he she is lecturing, shout out "Speak up! You're

3. If you have an early morning class, get there before any-

one else, and bring a pillow, some blankets, an air mattress, and an alarm clock. Wear your pajamas. Lie down on the air mattress with the pillow and the blankets and act like you're asleep. Have the alarm set for about two minutes into class. When it minutes into case.

goes off, preferably very
"enonze" buton and so back to sleep. Keep doing so for the duration of

the class 4. Show up to class about 10 minutes late. Ride into the room on a bicycle, yell, "Look out!", and crash into the blackboard. Get up, take a seat, and act like nothing happened. 5. Wrap yourself in bandages and come to class in a wheelchair. Throughout class, cry lot and moan things like, "Why me?" and 'Please kill

me! "Get up during class, like you're going to miraculously start walking. Instead, fall down, cry out in pain, and wait for someone to help you back up. Bring a vacuum to class. Halfway through class, stand

up and start using it. If your

professor objects, explain that

Vowel war CLINTON DEPLOYS vowels to Bosnia: Cities of Silbydnzy, Grany to Be First Recipients you "can't stand sitting in this session of Congress yesterday,

of Bosnia. The deployment the largest of its kind in Amer ican history, will provide the region with the critically needed letters A, E, I, O and U, and is hoped to render countless Bosnian names more pro nounceable. "For six years, we have stood by while name like Ygrjyslhy and Tzlynhr and Girm have been horribly butchered by millions around the world." Clinton said. Today, the United States must finally stand up and say: 'Enough'. "The deployment, dubbed Operation Vowel Storm by the State Department, is set for early next week, with the Adriatic port cities of Sjibydnzy and Grzny slated to be the first recipients. Two C-130 transport planes, each carrying over 500 24-count boxes of "E's," will fly from Andrews Air Force

airdrop the letters over the cities. Citizens of Grzny and Silbudnzy eagerly await the arrival of the yowels. "My God, I do not think we can last

Base across the Atlantic and

Grzdnikin, 44, said. 'T have six children and none of them has to me or to anyone else. Mr Clinton, please send my poor, wretched family just one E." Thanks to Mark Weston. From the humour listserver. **Happy hogs** 

IT'S POST time, ladies and

gents. The thoroughbreds are a bit fidgety in their starting gates anxious to begin the race. After a bit of anticipatory buildup, the starting bell sounds, the gates fly open, someone shouts, "And they're off!" and the welltrained animals bolt out into the track, a blur of beast and soiled gray numbers. The overflow crowd goes berserk as the racers gallop down the opening straightway, nimbly jump a pair of hurdles along the backstretch, and jostle for position along the final turn.

races, Except, of course, it's The daily series of pig races — featuring two heats of pig-let quarters dashing around a

Just another day at the



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# Finance Guardian

# Halifax ends mortgage war

Larry Efflott and Simon Read

RITAIN'S biggest building society, the Halifax, today launched a preemptive strike against a 1980s-style housingmarket boom when it raised the cost of its fixed rate, discount and cashback

Amid growing evidence that the authorities are be-coming concerned about the prospect of a fresh burst of property inflation, the coun-try's largest mortgage lender-announced hefty rises in the cost of some of its home-loan

Mike Blackburn, the society's chief executive, said: "With the continued recovery in the housing market and the recent bank base rate rise we are positioning our mortgage rate at a sensible level to avoid over-stimulation of the

tion of any responsible lender left its own standard mort-to ensure the boom-bust cycle gage rate unchanged at 6.99

Pound hits highest level against dollar in four years

month after Black Wednesday. On Wall Street the pound was changing hands at around DM2.50 against the

Simon Briscoe, economist with Jap

markets were braced for a half point rise in interest rates at the next meet-

ing between the Chancellor, Kenneth

Ing between the Characture, Kennern Clarke, and the Bank of England gov-ernor, Eddie George, and a 1.5 per-centage point jump in the next 12 months. "This is one of those periods

when it is best if economists keep out

plain market sentiment. The markets

'Double dividend' raises hackles • Virginians to pay £1.3bn

of the way because it is bard to ex-

seem to have gone bonkers."

ITY fears of a further rise in interest rates sent the pound surging to its highest level

Simon Kennedy and Larry Elliott

years on the foreign exchange mar-kets last night. News of a bigger than expected fall in the official jobless total and evidence that the Bank of England is growing increasingly concerned about the outlook for inflation sent threstors piling into steeling. investors piling into sterling. It closed in London at \$1.6542, a

level not seen since October 1992, the

tionwide building society to raise its standard variable rate mortgage by 0.25 points to 6.74 per cant from Decem-

ber 1.
Although the Halifax has left its own standard mort-

of the dormant housing market. A flurry of copycat in-creases from other lenders is

days.
The new Halifax rates,

of the late 1980s and early 1980s in avoided."

The Halifax move followed Tuesday's decision by the Nationwide building society to the standard workless the buyeng share the standard workless the second of the standard workless the standard w

per cent in the five-year fixed rate.

The Halifax blamed the rate increase as "partly a knock-on effect" from last week's base rate increase but it is

the governor pointed to the strength of demand and warned Mr Clarke that a delay in tightening monetary policy in base rates at a later stage.

Mr Briscoe said demand from over-seas investors had helped to boost the

pound because prospective UK interest rates looked attractive in compari-

The sharp increase came as the min-

utes from the late September meeting between the Chancellor and the gov-

ernor showed Mr George pressing for

a rise in base rates, to 6 per cent, a

month before the increase actually happened. The minutes reveal that

on with other global markets.

gest monthly jump for two and a half years — taking the annual rate of increase to 7.1 per cent. Having started the year with an expectation that house prices would rise by Halifax raised its forecast to 5 per cent in the summer and to 7 per cent once the October Its economists are

ing a similar increase in 1997, although that is considered to be pessimistic by some analysts, who are looking for a double-digit rise next year. The Bank of England has for some time been express-ing concern about the willingprice packages to home-loan borrowers, and has been pointing recently to the pickup in both prices and transac-tion levels.

Although the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, would wel-come the recovery in house prices at a time when the Government is lagging well behind Labour in the opinion termined that there should be no repeat of the Lawson

boom. House prices rose by 23 per cent in 1988 and a further 20 per cent in 1989 before correc-

# No saving grace for pension firms



Edited by Alex Brummer

T LONG last the City regulators have deigned to tell the public about the progress made in resolving the calamity visited on some half-a-million savers who were wrongly persuaded with the connivance of the Government — to switch from occupational pension schemes to private pension

It does not make for pleas-ant reading. Instead of resolv-ing the majority of cases by the end of this year the Securities & Investments Board has extended the deadline for a further 12 mouths and waffled on about the review being "unacceptably slow" as if it were nothing to do with the board, as the senior City regu-lator, or the Personal Investment Authority, charged with

sorting out the mess. When the late Robert Maxwell raided the pension funds of the companies in his empire, the regulator responsible described the events as a freak storm. The general assumption was that, however intrusive the regulation, it would never be robust enough to stand up to a swindler of Maxwell's guile. But the regulatory system even s incapable of dealing with the steady drizzle repre-sented by the pensions mis-

This was nothing to do with lone nuts, the City's favourite

scapegoats.
It was wholesale abuse of the public's trust in some of grandest names in the pensions business and independent financial advisers. and the failure of the regulation system set up under the terms of the 1988 Financial Sarvices Act.

The size of the potential sbortfall is enormous. With redress offered in 6,227 case out of 24,237 examined, the cost is £49.9 million. If these figures are a guide, the potential hill for the financial services industry, as it seeks to put matters right, will be up-wards of £1 billion.

There are no saints here. The regulators let down the people persuaded to switch out of perfectly good pension schemes. They have now compounded the error by missing all deadlines to resolve the

ssue. The Government must share the blame. It promoted the virtues of switching to private pension plans, when it was always the case that those who moved out of well funded occupational schemes would be worse off. But the industry must also accept its share of opprobrium. It was the sales force from some of the country's best-known il-

wrought this mess. tional pension schemes did not do enough to dissuade members of the financial dis-

advantages of switching out, and those same schemes have been slow to come forward with the detailed financial in-formation needed for resititution. There is perhaps no bet-ter example of how the distorted Thatcherite moral-ity of self-first destroyed the

### Lang's lament

Seven months to the election and lan Lang should be worried. The privatised utilities will be an acute political embarrass-ment whatever the trade and

industry secretary does.

The gas and electricity markets are pulling in different directions so sharply that the DTI has had to set aside its own credo and sanction the to keep the lights on this win

Big industry, and maybe smaller consumers, will be left to pick up the tab for this Secret exercise.

His own deputy, former en-ergy and industry minister Tim Eggar, is compounding Mr Lang's problems by back ing reform of regulation and suggesting restructuring of the electricity industry is

With takeover bids from two US utilities for regional electricity companies, Mr Lang ought, on past form, to wave the bids through.

Ownership does not matter in theory, and the US groups will point to BT's takeover of MCl as evidence of bids moving in the opposite direction.
But the political temptation to block the takeovers is strong. The City is registering as much by marking East Midlands and Northern

respective offer prices. The embarrassment of a Uturn in government policy is cheap against the perils of "fat cat" payoffs and foreign

A global telecoms group is logical, but running an English regional electricity company from Virginia or Nebraska is not.

### X marks the spot

THE substantial drop in unemployment, which could be down to two million by the new year, will be a cause for satisfaction for the newly employed as well as the government. But on the markets it is having less laud-

The pound is growing stronger, potentially damag-ing Britain's export prospects

and the trend in interest rates is ummistakably upwards. After the Nationwide's deciits basic mortgage rate, send-ing it up to 6.74 per cent, the Halifax has followed through with dramatic increases on

its five-year and discounted variable rate mortgages.
This is accompanied by a cautionary message from Halifax chief Mike Blackburn that the bousing market is that the housing market is starting to look frothy. The words could have come from Bank Governor Eddie

competition department has

sent a statement of objections to the two airlines asking for

deal, according to EU sources.

in an investigation that could

mand changes in, or even block, the accord. The com-

that it did not see obvious\_ad-

vantages to consumers. The

Bad weather has taken its toll

on Commercial Union, the

surer. Pre-tax profits for the nine months to the end of

September were 3.6 per cent

up on last year, at £457 mil-lion, but operating profits

lion. The company's life busi-ness performed well but was

which cost it £62 million more

months to respond.

Setback for CU

News in brief

### **Brewers want**

beer duty cut A Budget submission by the brewers argued last night that cutting 6p off the price of

a pint of beer would produce a lead the commission to de-heady economic mixture of mand changes in, or even lower inflation, more jobs and in time — a boost to government revenue. Sales have fallen by 13 per cent since the Brewers' and Licensed Retailers' Association, which blamed rises in beer duty and the creation of the single

Oxford Economic Forecasting researcher Adrian Cooper used the Treasury's own economic model to support the

gation into the alliance between British Airways and which cost it & American Airlines. The EU's than last year.

# Dominion chairman Tom Capps and East Midlands chairman Sir Nigel Rudd yesterday after the takeover was agreed

# **Big electricity users** attack power price fix

GOVERNMENTthis winter by fixing the privatised electricity market was last night attacked by big users as a licence for power companies to raise prices and "gamble" on the gas and electricity markets. The Energy Intensive Users Group — representing some of the country's largest industrial firms — made the allegations in a stinging letter to

generators forced to switch to expensive fuels during high mand, could "cause price hikes without improving system security, as well as encouraging generators to game" in the electricity and

ity pool last month under strong pressure from the De-partment of Trade and

The DTI was desperate to ensure that there was no repeat of problems seen last winter when the national grid came close to collapse on several occasions. In July, offito come up with solutions for Industry sources suggest the

source said the measures were an indication of the growing problems of "balancing the de-mands of the gas and electric-ity energy markets". Last night, pool executives child, the EIUG's chairman the best we can," he said.

gas markets. The group's insisted that the new system complaints centre on emergency measures drawn up by the executive of the electricity of the likely to be invoked often. The new system compenhigher prices whenever they

expensive fuels. Last winter. the grid came close collapse when gas stations on interforced to shut down at periods of peak gas demand. The new rules are supposed to be an

prices to use alternative fuels, allowing them to earn what it and the regulator to get some alled a "double dividend".

In a letter to Prof Little-lights going out. We've done called a "double dividend".

maintaining supplies "in

The rules cannot be stopped by the regulator unless there is a formal appeal by one of the pool executive members. The EUC letter does not constitute an appeal.
Dr Brian Saunders, director

of trading of the pool, con-ceded there was nothing in the new rules to stop arbi-trage. But he said the executive would stop the system if a "prime motive". The measures were a short-

some pressure from the DTI

came yesterday after late night talks in London and a week after Dominion was forced to declare an interest by intense market Tom Capps, Dominion chairman and chief executive, said the price was about 10 per cent higher than indicated last week

Chris Barrie Business Correspondent

\*AST Midlands Elec-

regional electricity company to fall into American

hands after it decided to back a £1.3 billion takeover

by the Virginian utility, Do-

industry. Dominion is of-

fering 670p for each East

Midlands share, a 25 per

cent premium on the share price the day before it made

East Midlands' backing

minion Resources.

its first statement.

but worth paying for East Midlands' backing. The offer took into account Labour's possible imposi-tion of a windfall tax. The chairman, Sir Nigel Rudd, said East Midlands, privatised at 240p six years ago, had passed on special dividends and the proceeds of the National Grid flotation to shareholders worth

**US** dominion and businesses. With a £4.2 billion market capital-isation, Dominion has nuclear, gas and property

East Midlands

succumbs to

interests.

Sir Nigel admitted he had received approaches from other US utilities, but declined to say when. tricity looks likely to become the fifth The move heightened speculation that the Government would block US

rose 12p to close at 623p, well below the offer price, as the market decided the Trade Secretary, Ian Lang could block the US bids. Northern shares ended

bid. He was to speak with the industry regulator, Stephen Littlechild, yesterday to assure him that East Midlands would be ringfenced to safeguard its Shadow energy minister

John Battle pledged that Labour would ensure proftion" was enforced.

East Midlands executive

its made by the electricity companies were published would ensure that tough, efficient regula-Mr Capps held out the

up in 1998. Dominion would also look at establishing financial services in

### keep running even though the | arbitrage trades were seen as Government is keen to avoid embarrassing energy disrup-tions while its experiments cost of using oil or propane is the electricity regulator, The EIUG warned that the But the EIUG says there is term arrangement for this with liberalising energy mar-kets are under intense scrunothing to stop the generators selling their gas to the gas market and charging higher looked at. "We were under tiny ahead of the election. One

# Eggar backs new utility controls

Industrial Correspondent

ORMER energy minister Tim Eggar yesterday called for a radical overhaul of utility regulation only weeks after resigning as minister responsible for the regime under which the pri-

against vertical integration in |

the electricity industry.
Ian Lang, the Trade and Industry Secretary, has vetoed National Power and Power-Gen, the two electricity gener-ating companies, from taking over any of the original 12 regional companies. In a clear departure from

the policies he espoused in office, Mr Eggar called for the value gas and electricity industries operate.

Giving evidence to the Commons trade and industry select committee. Mr Eggar called for the creation of a new select committee on regulated industry select committee. Mr Eggar called for the creation of a new select committee industry select committee. Mr Eggar called for the creation of a new select committee industry suppliers of the public accounts of the publi

He also told MPs that regu- | competition - a figure which lators should remain truly independent, that consultation with consumers should be improved and that a wide-reaching review of competition law should be instigated to clarify the roles of regulators, the Trade and Industry Secretary and the Office of Fair

Trading.
Mr Eggar, who has just be-come chairman of MW Kel-

takeovers and mergers. PowerGen's chairman, Ed Wallis, has long argued that five or six vertically inte-grated companies will eventually run the UK electricity industry.

Mr Lang has waved through most electricity takeovers but blocked PowerGen's

takeover of Midlands Electricity and National Power's bid for Southern. Mr Eggar said everyone had underestimated the prob-

Dominion's principal the UK. subsidiary is Virginia Power, the 14th largest US | directors are likely to stay, electricity company, supplying two million homes ecutive, will leave.

With Northern Electric facing a hostile £766 mil-lion bid from Nebraskabased CalEnergy, there could soon be only three in-dependent regional electricity companies left. Shares in East Midlands

15.5p down at 593p.
Mr Capps said there were no grounds for blocking the

prospect of stepping up East Midlands' plans to sell gas when the market opens

though Sir Nigel, a non-ex-

**BA** link-up inquiry The European Commission has started a formal investi-

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Germany 2.41 Greece 354.00 Hong Kong 12.43 India 58.78 Cyprus 0.73 Norway 10.16 Portugal 245.00 Saudi Arabia 6,14

### **Dogged determination**



Labour's education spokesman David Blunkett and visually impaired businessman Tom Pey (left) — accompanied by their guide dogs-seminar on helping blind people find secure employment, with the slogan 'Out of sight — Out of Work?' yesterday helped host a parliamentary

### Mis-selling payouts could top £1bn, but thousands of victims face 12-month wait

# Action to speed pension redress

UNDREDS of thousands of people duped into leaving company pension schemes for a personal pension must wait another 12 months for redress, City watchdogs admitted

yesterday.
The Securities and Investments Board, the chief finan-cial regulator, announced new measures to speed up the review of mis-sold personal - now in its third year — saying progress had been "unacceptably slow".

The Personal Investment Authority, the financial ser-vices watchdog, published fig-ures yesterday which suggest the compensation bill for the scandal may top 21 billion, with payouts averaging just over £8,000.

used by insurance companies and financial advisers to identify clients who may have been mis-sold a personal They were so complicated

that many occupational schemes were unable to cope with the volume of data. This delayed the reinstatement of former members to their former schemes, the method of redress preferred by SIB.

To remove this obstacle, SIB yesterday issued guid-ance that slashes the number of questions occupational schemes must answer from more than 200 to fewer than eight. Several of the biggest public sector schemes have also agreed to pool informa-

"unduly elaborate" forms | tee that all victims would be | wrongly advised by unscrucompensated by the end of the iecade.
'Investors who were mis-

sold personal pensions and suffered loss are entitled to redress, and we are deter-mined that they will get it. All those firms with a sense of responsibility will now be able to carry out most of their case reviews without further delays," he said.

As many as 1.5 million people may have been

### Work in Progress

Total cases identified 519,179 Priority cases identified Cases where retiress has been offered Cases where redress Amount of redress

pulous insurance salesmen to advertisements calling on leave a generous company pension scheme for a personal pension. Many are

nurses, teachers, miners and other public sector workers. But figures released by the PIA yesterday show only 5 per cent of 400,000 cases initially identified as a priority have been fully reviewed, even though the misselling candal was first disclosed

three years ago.
The PIA statistics reveal that only £49.9 million has heen offered in compensation to 6,227 investors. Of this jus £36.3 million has been paid to 3,983 people. Assuming these figures are representative of the full scale of the problem, the life insurance industry

If the response proves poor, watchdog, Imro, for their SIB and the PIA may take out compliance failures in the

people to come forward.
Yesterday, Mr Large
warned the firms that if they continued "dragging their feet", they would face disciplinary action, which might include fines. Four leading brokers have been fined a total of £405,000 by another further delay".

sale of personal pensions. The National Association of Pension Funds and the

Association of British Insurers welcomed the move, but Unison, the public sector union, called on the Government to "force the companies to reach settlements without

# **Vultures circle** the Hambro bluebloods

### Outlook

Patrick Donovan

AMBROS, the mer-chant bank, will have to do a lot better than promise jam tomorrow if is to wriggle out of the talons of predatory "vulture fund",

Regent Pacific
Earlier this autumn the
Hong-Kong based investor was widely criticised when it demanded a Hambros shake-up on the back of its recently acquired 3 per cent holding. But, yesterday, many in the market were rapidly coming around to Regent's line of thinking as Hambros failed to meet the most pessimistic market forecasts with its latest set of financial results.

As one of the City's few remaining independent mer-chant banks, Hambros is still to find a lucrative niche in a market increasingly dominated by big international

banking conglomerates.

To be fair, Hambros had already acknowledged the need to restructure long before Regent launched its attack, But for all the allowances the market is making for Hambros to realign the business, the 7.5p fall in shares to 245p underlines the growing dis-satisfaction at the time it is taking to generate results.

Overall, the group may have transformed last year's £7.7 million loss into a a £35 million profit for the half year to September 30. But the turn-round came from an upturn in its estate agency business.
Improvements in the property market pushed last time's 25.8 million loss at Hambro Countrywide Into a £10.5 million profit.

The trickle-down effect greater mortgage and other fi-nancial product sales saw improve £1.5 million to £4.5 million. The core investment division, too, boosted profits from £3.9 million to £22.9 million. But these upturns masked the continued lacklustre performance of the underlying banking business

which remains the main focus of investor concern.

Even though provisions for bad debts have tumbled by £17.6 million to £5.9 million, operating income within the banking division has actually fallen by more than £10 mil-lion to £82.5 million. The bank claims that a downturn is in-evitable as it is in the process of restructuring its corporate

It is slowly shedding no-frills ("plain-vanilla" in bank-ing jargon) corporate lending and building up clients who

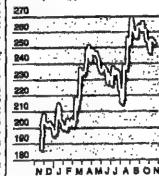
and building up clients who want more complicated higher-margin business. Hambros would have been in a stronger position with shareholders it it had increased the dividend rather than maintaining it at 2.5p. And despite Lord Hambro handing over chairmanship to Sir Chips Keswick, there are still questions about the are still questions about the long term management.

But with such a lacklustre

performance, the market is unlikely to give Hambros the chance to prove that its banking operations have turned around. Sir Chips has failed to convince the City that his hybrid merchant bank-cumestate agent operation has a viable independent future.

Regent Pacific may have opened up the bidding, although it remains to be seen whether it will table a full bid. But there must be plenty of other-predators running their sliderules over one of the last surviving independent mer-chant banks in the City.

### Hambros Share orice (a)



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### tion for a "one-stop" library. Mr Large said this and could face a total compensaother measures should ensure tion bill of about £1 billion. "a substantial proportion" of the 600,000 victims identified The 4,000 firms taking part in the review will be required SiB's chairman, Sir as priority cases, would be ofoffered to dispatch another question-Andrew Large, blamed the fered redress during 1997, but review's slow progress on the lit was impossible to guarannaire to about 600,000 clients Amount of redress asking for more information

# **Eurostar opens up the regions**

### Keith Harper Transport Editor

UROSTAR trains are expected to start run-ning to mainland Europe from Manchester and Birminghum next Easter, it was announced yesterday. Eurostar's commercial di-

rector, Ian Brooks, said the trains would avoid central London, passing through west London on their way to the Channel tunnel. The Man-chester and Birmingham services will be joined by a ser-vice on the east coast main line later in the year.

Eurostar trains to existing company hopes will take to Bournemouth and from track. The tests are being run place in 1998. Dundee to Penzance. by Railtrack and are expected to be completed this year. But the service will not start until the holiday season because Eurostar believes that the bulk of regional take-up will

be by the leisure traveller. Senior executives from London and Continental Railways, which operates Euro-star and whose investors include Virgin and National Express, stressed their confi-dence yesterday that the service would carry more than 10 million passengers annually within two years. This is vice on the east coast main line later in the year.

Delays on their introduction has been due to adapting the floated, which the

Country, a variety of express services, linking a number of cities in England, Scotland and Wales.

Separately, Richard Bran son's Virgin company yester-day emerged as the preferred day emerged as the preferred bidder for part of British Rail's rapidly disappearing passenger network. The new rail franchise director, John O'Brien, is prepared to allow Mr Branson to run Cross-

The hub of the CrossCountry network is Birmingham, with services operating to Manchester, Reading and Bristol. It also operates a number of long-distance through trains from Glasgov

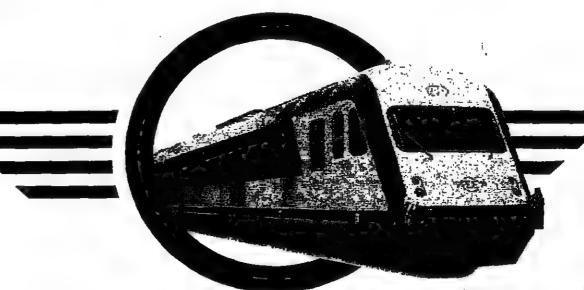
than 100 stations, and its pas senger revenue up to March was £108 million, but it makes substantial losses and will need a large subsidy from the tranchise director.

This would be Mr Branson's first cail franchis succeeds. He has already shown an interest in the newly privatised railway, and nar-rowly failed to obtain the Gat-

wick Express franchise. He is also bidding for the west coast main line between London and Glasgow, a pro-ject which requires £1 billion

name. Inquiries disclose, however, that Crest was once CREST — Computer-ised Registration of Equi-ties and Settlement Tech-

# We are accelerating Greece into the 21st century.





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the future and is now rapidly accelerating it into reality.

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and fast tracks to allow their new generation of Intercity trains to speed from city to city in the comfort and safety that the 21st century passenger demands.

All this used to be OSE's dream, but now it's become reality, with the major investment programme of over 235 billion drs.



The modernization works of the Hellenic Railways Organization are financed by the European Union and National participation.



### Underside Dan Atkinson

PRIVATE Rail had its grovei all fired up and ready to roll Monday morning after CBI chief Adair Turner's much-publicised £80 Saturday taxi ride from Newark to the Suitmen's get-together in Har-rogate, a journey occasioned by vandal-induced delays to the train upon which he had planned to travel to the Yorkshire spa. True to the ghost of British new owners did not offer to pay the CBI director-general's cab fare, but did present him with a complimen-tary first-class ticket on the very same market-driven London-Harrogate Iron Horse Mr Turner had found so unsatisfactory. A fat lot use this is: next year's CBI get-together is in Birmingham.

LACEMAIL is such an Bugly word ... The office of National Statistics seems to be trying a little squeeze-artistry of its own in its brand new Charter, in which it promises to

banal construction reminiscent of the exhortation to judges a few years back only to jail in cases where a jail sentence was justified). Furthermore, the ONS tempts small firms with a pledge that, provided they take part in the next survey, they will be left alone for three years. And if they

ROM the front line of

the Lord Mayor's show on Sunday, we report that just about every float, from the Halifax's to that of the Civil Aviation Authority, pledged to "make Britain even greater". Splendid news, especially as these promises were backed by the mailed fist of recondite City TA units with long names (1 London Tropical Warfare Rgt, Royal Field Corps). Best float: London Transport (a whole Tube train). Biggest cheer: the ex-servicemen. Out-of-Town champs: Hastings Economic Development Co. PS Did HM Customs have to parade brandishing a huge banner carrying the anti-smuggling hotline number?

SIF Ali Zardari, Benazir Bhutto's hubbie, has set a new standard pester businesses for data in the numerology of no-

no more than necessary (a menciature. Japan's rogue copper trader Yasuo Ha-manaka was "Mr 5 Per Cent". Just about everybody in sport and show business is "Mr 10 Per Cent", and Rentokil chief Sir Clive Thompson made it to "Mr 20 Per Cent". But, at "Mr 30 Per Cent", Mr Zar-dari has to be world champion. However briefly.

N INTRIGUING piece of history: Crest, the share-settlement system, was unveiled in 1993 by Bank of England director Pen Rent. And Crest stood for? Nothing, he replied; it was merely an 'encouraging, upbeat''



nology. No doubt the Bank decided acronyms had had their day with the ill-fated TAUBUS. Burton, heady with the success (?) of its trendy billboard ad-

its own Internet site. At least, it is trying to Invi-tees to the launch were requested to RSVP either the old-fashioned way, by post, or by E-mail. Alas, attempts to reach Burton over the Net produced the response: "cannot deliver". ATER Allen Deal, the

rethink its popular offer to football-club shares. The firm had worked out the price without taking into account the high moon of Preston North End back in the days of good Queen Vic and the concomitant enormous size (more than 2ft long) of the club's vintage paper. It took just one such certificate to squeeze revised price list to be

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# Gifford at the double

Chris Hawkins

OSH GIFFORD has been through the mill and was playing things down when Mandys Mantino extended his unbeaten run over hur-dles to five at Newbury

yesterday. Gifford knows there is usually something nasty waiting round the corner in racing, and even getting round the bend can prove too much for some — as Danjing proved when leading Mandys Mantine and company in the Tom Masson Trophy.

Danjing was in front at the paddock turn but, spotting the way out to the stables, decided by fewerick a line down.

cided he fancied a lie down rather more than slogging round again, and promptly ducked-out, depositing Jamie

Osborne.
This left Mandys Mantino with only two to beat, and he duly accomplished the feat, having four lengths to spare over Little Buck at the winning line. But he had to be vigorously pushed out by Philip Hide, and Gifford's lack of enthusiasm was understandable.

"They went too slow and that told us nothing," commented the trainer. "This give him one more run over hurdles and then make a decision

about where we go.
"Chasing is really what
he's all about, and I'd like to put him over fences some time. To be perfectly honest, I'm surprised he's done as well as he has over hurdles."

Things certainly panned out for Mandys Mantino as Karshi, thought to be a live danger, was withdrawn as Henrietta Knight, his trainer, could not get a suitable

jockey.

Jason Titley was originally due to ride, but hurt his back in a schooling accident in the morning and then substitute jockey, Mick Fitzgerald, was ruled-out after a crashing fall on Westerly Gale in the Lio-

"He's not an easy horse and I decided to take note of the omens," said Knight who was not fined by the stewards. Gifford and Hide had a double when Redeeemyour-self won the Halloween Nov-

ice Chase on his first attempt over fences. "He's been very careful in schooling at home, but then the ones that take care often turn out to be the best," said Gifford. "Til give him another run, and if all goes well he could go for the Feltham Novice Chase at Kempton over Christmas."

Oliver Sherwood believes he has a fine hand of young horses this season and thinks a great deal of Aerion who trotted up in the opening EBF National Hunt North Hunters National Hunt Novice Hurdle.

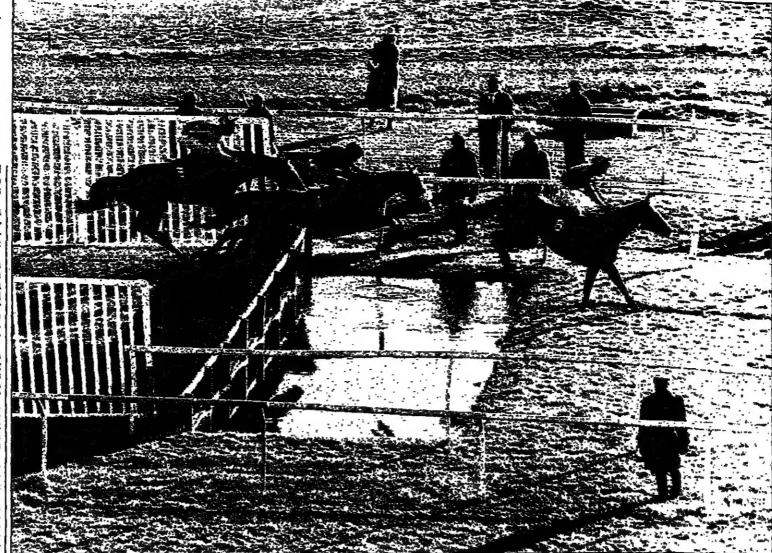
"He goes so well at home that I was worried he might be a morning glory," said Sherwood. "He thinks he's King Kong.

"I was a bit worried at the cross hurdle and thought he

cross hurdle, and thought he had plenty to do two out, but in the end he's done it well." Osborne certainly rode a super confident race on Aerica and seemed to know he had something special under him. The Ardross gelding toyed with the opposition, but it probably did not amount to

Jonothan Lower, who was forced into premature retire-ment when found to have diabetes, completed a crucial stage in his bid to revive his career when riding work after racing. He rode an unnamed Martin Pipe-trained four-year-old, and reported himself "100 per cent."

Lower's career was halted on the advice of Michael Turner, the Jockey Club Chief Medical Officer, because he was considered a po-tential danger to other riders as a diabetic, a condition that can lead to blackouts. But the rider, aged 29, who has been with Pipe since leaving school, intends to chal-lenge the decision by apply-



## Rosencrantz looks one for the Record

this is certainly so in jumping where the emphasis is on character rather than blood-lines, writes Chris Howkins. One of the best bred animals doing the rounds this season is Rosencrantz (2.30), who runs in the Weatherby's Statistical Record Novice Hurdle at Taunton today, and the indications so far are that he may have the guts to make the grade. By Sadler's Wells out of

N THE equine world, as in the realms of human encrantz is bred to win Classics deavour, a regal parentage and had every advantage in can often be a hindrance and life, beginning his career in life, beginning his career in exalted company with Michael Stoute, the Newmarket trainer.

Like many silver-spooned individuals he did not come up to expectations, however, for which he paid the ultimate penalty with a gelding operation and a transfer to the more plebian pastures of Venetia Williams's jumping yard in Herefordshire. ns to suit Rosencrantz

dles he has won twice, scoring at Wincanton on his reap-pearance last month when bard driven to hold El Don by a short-head.

As El Don won next time out at Wetherby, the form looks useful and Rosencrantz is napped to follow-up in mod-est company this afternoon, although I admit a market move for Martin Pipe's debutant Questan would be

Earlier in proceedings Pipe's Nordic Valley (1.30), who won on this card last year, should complete a hat-

1.10 Smille

trick in the Mercedes Benz Novice Handicap Chase. There are few stiffer tracks

in the country than Towcester, with its long uphill finish, but this should hold no terrors for Fortunes Course (3.50) in the Wicken Handicap Hurdle, over two miles and five furlongs.

This genuine mare stays all day and should be primed to perfection now after finishing econd to Tarrs Bridge at Stratford last month. She was trying to give the winner 15lb and only went down by a half

2.40 Just Louis 2.10 Madrica

David Nicholson has made a fine start to the season and here with Rolfe (2.50) and Potter's Gale (3.20). Kim Bailey's horses are

also in tremendous form and the Lambourn trainer should have another wimer with Drumculien (1.50) in the Tiffield Handicap Chase. The seven-year-old, who has scored over the course,

won with plenty in hand when beating Paper Star by eight lengths at Kempton recently and can defy a 6lb

# Pleasure makes Grade

Ken Oliver

PLEASURE SHARED, a smart staying hurdler, made an impressive start to his fencing career when landing the Grade Two Novice Chase at Worcester yesterday.

Despite belly-flopping

after the first fence, Philip Hobbs's eight-year-old soon got his act together. Chris Maude sent him to the front three out and he ran on gamely to beat Around The Gale by a nock, "He was a couple of weeks away from a run and weeks away from a run and he's blown up after the second last." reported Hobbs, who bought the gelding out of Kim Bailey's yard for 10,000 guinens. "He's schooled ade-quately over forces at home

quately over fences at home and Chris said he slipped on landing at the first but overall he's jumped well,"

added the trainer. Hobbs reckoned he has no game plan for the winner but the Feltham Chase at Kempton on Boxing Day could fit into his agenda, while the long term target will be the San Alliance

Chase at Cheltenham. "He was the highest rated novice and staying hurdler last season and we might have gone back to hurdles after today, but he's eight now and if he was ever go-ing to jump a fence it had to

be this season." said Hobbs, Tony McCoy completed a 64-1 treble on Teineln, Cherrynut and Indrapura an needs only 11 winners to beat Peter Scudamore's record for the fastest century which was recorded on De-

cember 20. Teinein took the Plumb Center Handicap Hurdle from Mouse Bird but Tim Forster, the Ludlow trainer, may delay the win-ner's debut over fences in order to take in another hurdle as the five-year-old appears well handicapped.

### Towcester programme with guide to the form

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4.00 (2m): 1, ROOTS HADDEM, R. Johnson (7-2 hr.); 2, Another Gookpit (12-1); 3, Rechel Lucius (12-1); 21 qu. 15, 3, Oliex Vende Williams) 10-10: (3:80; 12.70, 17.70, 17.90, 17.90, 17.90; 17.90, 17.90; 17.90, 17.90; 17.90, 17.90; 1 Malicky Hammond, the Middlehom based trainer, landed a 725-1 treble at Kelso yesterdey with idotyman, Def Piers und Bas De Laime, all partnered by his stable jeckey. Paset Gárrety, Hánnyoed has made a good sturt to the season with 24 winners.

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### Swinburn walk

WALTER Swinburn is planning a charity walk next year. He aims to raise money by walking across Ire-land in January. Children and leukaemia charities will benefit from the walk.



Coca-Cola Cup, third-round replays Coventry City 0, Gillingham 1

# Gillingham forge upset with Smith

Trevor Haylett

ORDON Strachan had to endure an introduction to man-agement last night that only Coventry's worst enemies could have devised. Neil Smith's late goal gave Gillingham a deserved vic-tory that puts the Second Div-ision side into the fourth round of the Coca-Cola Cup for the first time in 32 years and only the second in the competition's history.

Coventry opened at a pace

that spelled out "new man-ager, must impress". Noel Whelan, who had taken a right-hander from Dion Dublin and later a rebuke for al-leged drink-driving in the aftermath of the party to celebrate Ron Atkinson's move stairs, was especially eager

It was clear however that Gillingham would not buckle easily. Their three centre-halves, none of them below 6ft, constituted an imposing barrier and the visitors could feel content with their firsthalf performance. They were to quick break out of defence and and engineered several moments that caused Coven-

try hearts to skip a beat. Scoring chances for the Sky Blues were few, a Paul Williams header floating just too high when Gary McAllister's fifth-minute corner picked him out at the near poet. It was one of the few times Coventry were able to locate a colleague with their touchline

into the last 16 of the League

Cup where, predictably, a far

greater challenge awaits.

Having brushed aside Charlton Athletic they will now contest a place in the quarter-

finals with Arsenal at Anfield

in a fortnight's time. The foot-ball of both is currently so

rich and fluent that it should

prove a compelling evening, more compelling than this one against gallant but naive

Roy Evans has such a pleas-ant demeanour that it is diffi-

cult to imagine a ruthless

streak in him. But after the recent hammering at Black-

burn an iron fist was taken

from the velvet glove and

Babb and Berger were moved

to the bench to accommodate

Redknapp's recall for the first time since last May's FA

Cup final was richly de-

served, a triumph of patience:

Collymore, please note. It was a nice game, too, in which to

come back, for Charlton were

outrageously generous in the

pace they gave Liverpool. It was textbook stuff, lifted

from the training ground and,

for 15 minutes, lacking only a

decent finish. McManaman

and Fowler missed straight-

forward chances before Liver-

pool went ahead. Wright rose unchallenged at the far post

to head in Bjornebye's corner.

First Division opponents.

Liverpool 4, Charlton Athletic 1

McManaman is

first Liverpool moved and three minutes later, after forward last night several defenders had de-

space master

deliveries. Too often their high crosses dropped on Gil-

ingham heads. An Eoin Jess volley which drew a one-handed save from Jim Stannard was the closes the Premiership side came to scoring for a long period, but Gillingham kept busy. A testing low shot from Craig Armstrong and a bustling run from lifty Onoura maintained

spring an upset.
Not surprisingly their supporters were making the most noise. The home support knowledge a mistake and there were several of those as Coventry possession was dis-carded in the face of the Gills'

defensive discipline. Richard Shaw advanced to join the Coventry attack and embarrassed his forwards by forcing Stannard to extend his considerable bulk hastily to the left to divert the ball for a corner, which came to nothing. Soon afterwards McAllis ter was only inches wide with a flying header, but a Coven-try goal just would not come. If anything Gillingham grew stronger in the second half and Smith's 72nd-minute

With Charlton's finger

removed from the dike, the flood warning began to echo

mapp's mistimed shot rolled

inside a post.
But lately Liverpool have

offered hope to lost causes, and so it was again. Midway

through a frantic opening half

of much cavalier football,

Newton lashed in a rising vol-

ley from 20 yards to restore

the evening's competitive

prise. Instead McManamar

continued his single-handed

demolition of the Charlton

rearguard and three minutes

Charlton gamely tried to

in another fine Bjornebye

But Chariton never looked

strike following a Steve But ler run and confusion in the Coventry defence was the least that their efforts mertant" in his life. He feels that the atmoited. Soon after Dennis Bailey was denied only by the

He is happy with the level of comfort at home games, feeling safer in seats than on terraces. He has not once felt inside or outside a Preniership ground this season. Mr Average is sure that hooliganism has decreased over the past five years (81.5 per cent felt this for

away games.
His major gripe with other fans is when they stand on

cent away). He is likely to hear the most racist chants at Bolton Wanderers and West Ham United. If he is a Manchester United likely to draw inspiration

The results of the third FA Premier League survey of fans, covering the 1995–96 season, were published yesterday. The survey, which was carried out by the Sir Norman Chester Centre for Football Research at the University of Leicester, sent 2,000 questionnaires to season-ticket holders at each Premiership club and 1,000 to non-season-ticket holders. Martin Thorpe analyses the more than 20,000 responses

### An average supporter

Loyal, local, male, married and happy in the Premiership comfort zone

(98.9 per cent), aged between 31 and 40, married or with a partner, in full-time employment and born within 20 miles of the club he

supports.

He did not attend university or polytechnic, goes to all home matches but only between one and five away, and travels to games in a car (64 per cent). And, yes, the average fan is a he 38 2 per cent erage fan is a he; 88.2 per cent of fans are male.

He owns a season-ticket (60 per cent) for which he pays an average £251 (non-season-ticket holders pay an average £15.11 per game). He has been going to games for over 11 years, has supported a single club for over 30 years and saw his club's first game aged 10 or under with his

He started supporting his team because, most impor-tantly, they were his local club and then, second, because he was influenced by family. (In London and the North-west these are ranked the other way round). He rates his club as "very impor-

sphere in grounds is either as lively as ever or not as lively but all right. He wants an area of non-reserved seating set aside in his ground for fans who want to sing and

home games; 54.9 per cent for away games) and generally feels that hooliganism is "no real problem" at home games and "no real problem" or "a

seats, obstructing his view. clined the opportunity to Bad language is also an irriclear, Liverpool's advantage tant. He is "generally satis-was doubled when Red-fied" with the standard of policing at matches (92 per cent felt this for home games, 50.3 per cent for away games) and with the stewarding (88.5 per cent home, 50.3 per

> ason-ticket holder he will think there is too much emphasis on business activities at his club.



quality of British football is low compared with Europe and believes the best way the snort can improve the general quality of play is to focus more on developing skills and then, in descending order, reorganise junior coaching and playing, change the style of play in England, and

matches. He is in favour of clubs fielding as many European Union players as they want but would like to see a minimum number of British players per team. He supports a winter break if it would help clubs.

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He does not think that the | reduce the number of | major countries have a second club in the European Cup but backs the proposed increase in the size of Euro-pean competition generally so that 10 to 12 English clubs

could compete. He is against a Europea

League being run alongside the Premier League. His He is against the plan to let favourite foreign club are

Ajax and his favourite Scot-(50.1 per cent). He thinks television cover-

age of football is better than it was five years ago and would be interested in subscribing to a channel that showed his

### Pet hates, top draws

 Bolton's Lofty the Lion is the most-liked mascot; Nottingham Forest's squirrel Robin Hood the least-liked.

Most fans dislike troupes of dancing girls at half-

 Blackburn fans registered the lowest recogni-tion of the Kick Racism Out of Football campaign. The club have the Premiership's second-lowest num-ber of black season-ticket holders.

 Manchester United and Wimbledon fans are close to the top of the tables for higher education and sal-ary. Bolton fans are high in education but low in sal-ary. Chelsea fans are generally low in education but high in salary.

 Wimbledon season-ticket holders include the fewest Sky subscribers and the highest number of people who went to university or

© Coventry top the table of fans who hate the way their club present their home matches, and are third in the table of those who love the presentation.

Leeds fans think the at-mosphere at their ground has deteriorated the most.

 Tottenbam's average match-ticket price (£19.10) was the highest in the Premiership last season; QPR's, at £11.14, was the

 Chelsea's average seasonticket price (£383) was the highest last season; Wim-bledon's (£126) the lowest.

 Of season-ticket holders who describe their club as less important than five years ago the most numer-ous, by far, were Leeds United fans.

· More Wimbledon fans ported another team previously. Wimbledon have 

 Coventry and West Ham season-ticket holders who went to university or polytechnic.

experiment with video aids tish team Rangers. He or his for referees, thinks too many household subscribe to Sky red and yellow cards are issued (75.3 per cent feel this) and does not believe that the increase in cards has protected flair players (66.9 per cent).

● The "average" above refers to the most widely held view chub's away games live.

He wants the authorities to in response to each question.

### into the second half, he engineered Liverpool's third goal. His low cross from the right was stabbed home by Fowler. Again it was a mishit shot, again it found the bottom corner. close the gap but to no avail and, with 17 minutes remaining. Fowler claimed his Charitee Athletie: Salmon: Stuart (Nichola, S7min), Basmer, Rufus, O'Connell, Barnes, Newton, Otto. Alfen. Robinson, Leeburn (Listie, 63). Robinson, Leeburn (Listie, 63).

First Division: Manchester C 2, Oxford 3

### Elliott and Dibble's double trouble ruins Neal's debut

Paul Fitzpatrick

PHIL NEAL'S Maine Road managerial career got off to a wretched start last night as Oxford snatched only their second away win of the season when the big central de-fender Matt Elliott headed home three minutes from time.

The match had not lacked for incident from the moment that Dickov struck the outside of a post in the first minute, even if the overall quality was thin and the second half was generally poor. By half-time there were

four goals. Both of City's, from Dickov and Brightwell. were entirely authentic but the Oxford goals must be pinned on Dibble.

The City goalkeeper dith-cred when Beauchamp hit a cross from the right and the ball skidded into the far corner of the net without the net without the far corner of the net without the ner of the net without a City

man getting near lt. Dickov, after clever approach play from Kinkladze and a low cross from Symons.

equalised seven minutes later from close range. City went ahead when Brightwell beat Whitehead with a flerce rising drive after Robinson had failed to clear Kinkladze's corner.

But further indecisive goal-keeping allowed Oxford to level Symons was not blame-less but Dibble should have dealt comfortably with Jemson's header; instead, he seemed to be coming down as the ball was going up and it looped over his hands and into the net.

Dibble was beaten again before the interval but this time luck was on his side as Aldridge's diving header crashed against a post.
The match grew increas-

ingly shapeless after the interval, with patience rapidly running out among the 23,079 crowd. Elliott's late winner Manchester City: Dibble; McGoldrick, Rodger, Brightwell, Symona, Wassell, Sufficience, Clough, Dictor, Khiladze,

# McFarland is back to lead Cambridge

McFarland . . . 'enthusiam'

**Russell Thomas** OY McFARLAND has passed an intensive Cambridge United examination and was installed yesterday as the man to lead the Third Division club to promotion. The former Derby and England defender, who returns to management 10 months after being sacked.

preparing his new team for Saturday's FA Cup first-round tie with Welling. "Roy has operated at a much higher level as a

player and manager," said Cambridge's chairman Reg Smart, "but he impressed us with his enthusiasm for by Bolton, ultimately beat us with his enthusiasm for off the challenge of two this job. We told him there

managed Derby (twice) and Bradford City, emerged from a pack of 36 appli-cants, reduced to three interviewed on Tuesday. Southend's manager Ronnie Whelan, 35, has given up playing because of a serious knee injury.

Whelan, who won every domestic honour after joining Liverpool in 1979.

doria has collapsed because of ankle trouble, say the italian club. Their doctors ruled that the Swede's ankle, broken two years ago, is still troubling him. The threat of a strike by

television income is ex- Cup.

other "very impressive" was no money to spend on played 396 League games, players, but that did not affect his keenness."

After signing an 18-month contract, McFarland, who also managed Derby (twice) and began duties yesterday by Bradford City, emerged bradford City, emerged with the Football League that move from Leeds to Sample Silve McFarland, who also managed Derby (twice) and bradford City, emerged with the Football League that move from Leeds to Sample Silve McFarland, who also managed Derby (twice) and bradford City, emerged with the Football League that th the next five years. Portsmouth's manager

Rangers in rare hunting role

Nationwide League players over their union's share of

Terry Fenwich has been fined 2500 by the FA for comments to the referee Martin Bodenham after the draw with Wimbledon in September that put Ports-mouth out of the Coca-Cola

### Results

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### Sport in brief

Cricket

Don Kenyon, Worcestershire's first Championship-winning captain, has died in hospital aged 72 after being taken ill at a function at New Road. The club's secretary Michael Vockins said: "We are all shocked, numbed and immensely saddened. The club has lost an all-time great." bury, page 15

**Olympic Games** 

Olympic contenders will get a £40 million fillip today with the setting up of the Sports Council's world-class performance programme. Funded by the National Lottery, it will pay the training costs of athletes and enable Britain to host major championships. Hockey

The Cannock captain Kalbir Takher has been suspended by the Midlands association for 16 days for swearing at an umpire, Hamish Jamson, after the league game against East Grinstead on October 12, writes Pat Rowley.

Athletics

Michael Johnson will race Donovan Balley for the title of world's fastest human" over 150m in Toronto on May 31.

# as Celtic aim to stand firm

CELTIC, transformed 12 days ago from predator to prey, have to adapt instantly to their new role if they are to remain at the top of the Pre-mler Division. Rangers, conversely recast as the hunter, arrive at Parkhead tonight armed with their own ambition. Celtic have spent so long

chasing their rivals, who have won the past eight championships, that their ability to see them off as challengers has not been tested. Moreover their lead over Rangers is no more than a single goal, points being level.

But Tommy Burns's team

Rangers are unbeaten in are in better shape than the Saturday before last, when their victory over Aberdeen,

at Raith Rovers, took them to the top. Their strikers Pierre van Hooydonk and Jorge Cadete and the midfielder Andreas Thom have all recovered from injury, though over Celtic. Cadete may start on the bench; a hamstring injury has kept him out for seven weeks and this is hardly an occasion for gaining match practice. Rangers' manager Walter

Smith has the goalkeeper Andy Goram and winger Brian Laudrup back in his squad but it is uncertain whether they are fully fit. A decision on Goram, who has a hip-bone problem, will be left to the last minute but Lau-drup, who missed the Raith match with a groin strain.

will certainly start. "Approaching the match," said Burns, "I feel no difference being at the top of the league. It's nice but it took us a long time to get there and now the players who achieved that have to show they can go on from there. This game doesn't decide the champion-

Rangers are unbeaten in seven Old Firm matches but have looked uncharacteristically fragile since they won Rangers were drawing the first of this season's in ith Rovers, took them to been giving points away too easily to others," said Smith, whose team have lost a five-point lead since that victory

"This game has been more hyped than the last," he added. "If we're still close, the next will be even worse and eventually we'll just blow each other up."

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# RFU makes divisionals only route to A team

Robert Armstrong

WICKENHAM has read the riot act to players in Courage Leagues One and Two who regard divisional fix-tures as a representative option they can ignore. Players have been warned that the England A squad, who play three matches next month, will be chosen only after individual form has been assessed

The Rugby Footbell Union also expects contracts with members of the full England squad to be agreed before next week's international against Italy, Phil de Glan-ville, the England captain, said yesterday that Tony Haliett, the RFU secretary, and Don Rutherford, its director of rugby, had talked with the players and their lawyers about the substance of the contracts, which with promotional work will earn several

players up to £100,000 a year. Twickenham's latest moves to bind the top players more closely to its far-reaching programme of representative matches were revealed while the leading clubs met at Northampton under the um-brella of English Professional Rugby Union Clubs Ltd to consider the RFU's revised fiing said they would not stand in the way of players selected for divisional games, will be alarmed that those fixtures have suddenly become a compulsory basis for interna-tional selection.

Significantly the RFU has started to use the term "pro-vinctal" for divisional matches - an undisguised attempt to invest the gaines with the competitive clout of provincial competition in New Zealand and South Africa.

The RFU statement read: Following a meeting of the national selectors on Novem-ber 3, they reconfirmed the importance of the up-coming provincial matches against Argentina, South Africa A. Queensland and New Zealand Barbarians. Consequently the three England A teams due to play on December 10, 11 an 13 against three of the above will not be named until after the completion of the provin sess individual player performances. The selection for these A matches will take place on December 3."

The England squads (full and A) trained yesterday at Bisham Abbey without Tim Rodber, Martin Johnson, Mark Regan and Steve Ojomoh, all injured. Next Monday the England squad of 21 will return to Bisham, ther move on to Richmond for the countdown to the Italy match. De Glanville, who has given the players his first team talk has promised to extend Bath's dual mission both to win and to entertain into the England camp. 'I told the squad that any doubters about the way we want to play had better speak up. We must have an inner belief about our philos-

ophy of the game which in-

Tour match: Connacht 20, Australia 37

# **Wallabies hit** by big heave

unbeaten tour re- lables claimed their only cord but it was Ireland's Cinderella province who stole the show when the converted try after stretching Wallabies kicked off their the defence. But Elwood pot Irish campaign at the Galway

Sports Ground yesterday. The Wallabies ran in five tries to Connacht's one but 15-7.
the home side provided the Pre

as the lock Shane Leahy, who had played in the previous day's Ireland A victory over South Africa A in Dublin, claimed the line-out and nated the second half, runevery Connacht player helped push him over.

ingly led at half-time by 12-7. The Wallabies dominated possession and line-outs through their locks, Tim Gavin and David Griffin, but

Nations fly-half Eric Elwood, who had been superb in the Ireland A game. Showing no sign of fatigue, he repeatedly set up attacks inside his own

Prevented from playing an

the lead on 18 minutes with a

points of the first half when Gavin touched down for a

ted three more penalties and then, three minutes after the interval, extended the lead to

the home side provided the 8,000 speciators with one of the most memorable and unusual tries in Irish history.

Trailing by 30–15 with a few minutes left, Connacht put all 15 players into a line-out five metres from the Australian line. The novel move worked full-back Tim Wallace conserts the lock Share Leaky who verted and then put his side

ning in three more tries to ease clear — but it was Con-It was all too late but it summed up Connacht's tenactive in a game they surpriscoach Warren Gatland, which did the upstaging.

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Gavin and David Griffin, but they struggled to crack a resolute home defence.

Once again Connacht's key man was the former Five Nations fity-half Eric Elwood.

Australia T Wallaco; B Tune, A Murdoch, R Tombe, D Compete; S Laricham, G Crogar; C Blades, M Caputo, A Heath, D Griffin, T Gavin, T Kelu, B Robinson fearer. O Fringgr.

### Emyr Lewis misses Cardiff v Bath

on Saturday. The Wales back-row broke a finger at
Toulouse last month and,
after a metal-plate operation, is expected to be out for another three weeks.

MYR LEWIS will miss Cardiff's European Cup quarter-final against Bath have returned 2,000 terrace tickets but Cardiff remain confident of a 14,000 sell-out.

of Leicester v Harlequins.





Top lots . . . James Seymour's Turpin (left), Curricle by Ben Marshall (centre), and Sir Alfred Munnings's Bahram with l



Sale sees colour of punters' money

Graham Rock sees racing history go under the hammer at Sotheby's

the opportunity for owners to buy 12 "cherished" racing colours, which were sold for a total of £129,260. A new owner can register his colours only if they have not been selected previously, so none of the single tints, or simple com-binations, has been avail-able until this year. The created some new shades in order to raise revenue.

Earlier this year two ealed-tender sales of such diks were held but yester day was the first opportu-nity for owners to bid in

Sotheby's staff modelled the new colours, trotting up and down the auction room as slim as jockeys' whips. "You're buying the colours, not what's inside them," warned the

The most desirable shade vibrant dark blue, was knocked down to a telephone buyer for £28,750. Cerise fetched £23,000, terracotta £20,700 and an un inviting lime green £20,700. Single shades are easy to spot through a race but owners who prefer their horses to be lodged at the back of the field until the important day arrives

OTHEBY's held its first sale of racing choose a combination of memorabilia yesterday, which included was sold to Peter Mines, the was sold to Peter Mines, the managing director of the Jet Stationery Company which has five horses in training with Jenny Pitman. "Next year is the 50th anniversary of our company and we thought we would celebrate by acquiring new colours with gold in them."

Jet Rules, a talented staying hurdler, is likely to be sent over fences in the near future and Mines is hoping that his horse will be good enough to carry the new colours in the Sun Alliance Chase at the Cheltenham Festival in March.

Colours must be registered annually and on the death of their owner can be handed down only to a sur-viving spouse or immediate are sold on behalf of the de-ceased's estate, with racing taking a hefty premium each time.

The burgundy walls of the saleroom were packed with a rare mixture of finearts connoisseurs, racing notables, punters and onlookers seeking a brief respite from the chill winds of Bond Street in London's West End.

would have been more attracted by a combination of khaki and brown, which went for £2,185.

bought two trophies, one by tracted by a combination of Minster Son, bred from his at about the same time. It has proved how popular these theme sales are."

the colours of the late Lady Beaverbrook, whose racing memorabilia were dis-persed yesterday. Peter O'Sullevan, who will retire next year after half a cen-tury of commentating for the BBC, popped in briefly but left empty-handed

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The top price of the sale
was £177,500 which secured a James Seymour portrait of Turpin, painted in 1744; it was knocked down to a racehorse owner who bid through one of the 20 telephones that rang

through the afternoon.
A glorious Munnings portrait of the 1935 Triple Crown winner Bahram had but after a spirited auction it eventually reached

History was for sale. A from Queen Alexandra. after the suffragette Derby of 1913, read: "Queen Alex andra was very sorry in-deed to read of your sad accident caused through the abominable conduct of a brutal lunatic woman. Jones was riding the royal horse Anmer that tramp the protester Emily Wild-ing Davison. It was sold for £2,415, and

the racing silks believed to have been worn by Lester Piggott when winning his first Derby on Never Say Die in 1954 brought £5,520 A total of 337 lots attracted £1.793 million and Lord A handful of the sport's glitterati were present, including Willie Carson who "It's been fantastic and

### Tennis

# Rusedski warns Henman of tough second year

Flying colours . . . lot 192 on show in Bond Street yesterday

Stephen Bierley in Telford

each other in the locker rooms last year, after Greg Rusedski had lost the final of the British Nationals, was: And who the hell is this guy Herman was ho beat the crap care of the players have found in the locker room about ways to beat other opponents." And they are all aware of Henman now.

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It has been only too obvious how awkward Britain's two top players have found in the locker room about ways to beat other opponents." And they are all aware of Henman now. man who beat the crap out of you? "I took a lot of ribbing." Rusedski admitted yesterday. He had just beaten Lincoln-shire's James Fox 7-6, 6-4. A little later Tim Henman won his second match of the tournament for a place in tomor-row's quarter-finals.

The draw has initially put

Henman one round ahead of

Rusedski, who plays again today, yet since last year's final, which he won 1-6, 6-3, 6-2, it seems that Herman has always had the jump on the Canadian-born British No. 2. Rusedski was only 19 wh he made the world's top 100.

The first year you come on
to the tour, things are a lot
easier. The next time around they know your strengths and weaknesses." His implication was that Herman might find things rougher and tougher next year. I think Tim is a lot more mature than I was,

players are always talking to each other in the locker room

wheeling international ATP Tour to the cloying domesticity of Telford. There is life after Henman and Rusedski after Henman and Rusedski here, even if the indoor light-ing gives everyone the pallor of the living dead, but take away the dynamic duo and British men's tennis is in al-most the same parlous state

as the women's game...

Both men clearly find Telford a terrible let-down. Henman was also taken to a tieman was also taken to a be-break yesterday before beating Cheshire's Nick Bag-lin 7-6, 6-0. "Business is busi-ness," he said laconically, "but there are times when you lack concentration." Rusedski has had a rollercoaster year, hitting the highs

at No. 33 in the world before plunging back into the eight-

which might help him. But I now than at the beginning of the year.
It was possible, despite his huge serve, that he might have gone out of the top 100. His aim this year had been to

PHOTOGRAPH: GARRY WEASER

get into the top 30. In this respect it has been a disappointing 12 months, compounded by his poor showing in the Grand Slams, but he now feels more positive again, having won a tourna-ment in Beijing last month. When Henman reached the semi-finals of two successive ATP tournaments in Lyon and Ostrava recently, and be-fore three successive first-round defeats, there was loose talk about his chances of win-ning Wimbledon next year.

Henman, for all his relative success, is a long way off being a Wimbledon or any other sort of Grand Slam champion. Any ground he makes, or even holds, next year will be hard won; that is not to say his world ranking will drop away as sharply as Rusedski's — Henman is a much better all-round player
— but his two defeats by Steies and then recovering to his present top-50 place. Yet he believes he is a better player the road ahead will become.

MIKE GATTING has a fine chance to rub Rod Marsh's nose in it tomor-

lia was a good start."
But England's attack in
Adelaide was unhealthily dependent on Dean Head-ley, who took 11 out of 19 Redback wickets to fall. He will have to be rested at some point and this might

after that 11th in the Volvo much stronger performances from Andrew Har-ris, Mark Balham and Glen Chapple, who are all wicketless in a single fourday appearance and so far hardly living rebuttals of Marsh's low opinion of the seamers in county cricket. The former England A captain Alan Wells has asked Sussex for permission to speak to other counties after being stood

### Sport in brief

### Revenge of the pie-throwers assault inquiry would be fine fare for Gatting

Andy Wilson at Mount Gambler

Cricket

row by deploying county seamers — of the breed once dismissed as "piethrowers" by the former Test wicketkeeper — when England A start a four-day match against the Australian Cricket Academy on the slopes of an extinct vol-

cano near the South Australia-Victoria border.

Marsh, head coach at the academy, claims that his side are the weakest for years, though Gatting and the true weakers. the tour manager David Graveney are scaptical of his sob story. They expect the home attack to be led by Brett Lee, the highly rated younger brother of Somer set's all-rounder Shane, even though he does not feature in a 12-man squad. After the embarrassment

that Marsh's youngsters caused England on the last Ashes tour, with two limited-overs victories in Sydney, Gatting would elish a revenge thumping. Graveney said: "We hope to regain a little respect for our cricket in Australia, and beating South Austra-

be the best same.
So, one the ple-throwers.
England would look for down as captain.

## Benn sidesteps

NIGEL BENN's second retirement, which he dramatically announced in the ring in Manchester on Saturday, is likely to be more permanent than the first, writes Jack Massarik. This emerged yesterday when the former world champion declined to attend a disciplinary inquiry in London, saying that he had

The 32-year-old "Dark Destroyer" was due to appear before the British Boxing Board of Control to answer questions about an assault in a London night-club last month. No police charges have been laid but the board always investigates reports of extra-curricular violence involving professional boxers.

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The case came to its attention while Benn was in training for his WBO super-middleweight rematch with Steve Collins, and it was agreed to postpone the interview until after the fight, which Benn lost when he failed to answer the bell for the seventh round. The hearing was rescheduled for yesterday. Benn did not attend. "He has notified us that he declines to appear as he is no longer a licence-holder," said the board's general secretary John Morris. "He has informed us that no legal proceedings have been issued and he has been advised not to appear before any tribunal." The board no longer had any jurisdiction over Benn, Morris conceded, but it would now jurisdiction over Benn, Morris conceded, but it would now "watch the situation" and Benn certainly would be asked to appear again if he wanted to return to boxing, either as a fighta

or in another capacity as a manager or trainer.

Frank Warren has asked us to point out that Naseem Hamed has no contractual link, as might have been inferred from an article on Monday, with the American promoter Don King.

### Leigh accounts cleared

LEIGH Centurions have been cleared of any financial irregularities after an investigation by the Rugby Football League, *urries Paul Fitzpatrick*. The Second Division club invited the RFL to conduct an internal andit after rumours of discrepancies had begun to circulate in the town.

Maurice Lindsay, the sport's chief executive, said that a review had been undertaken into all aspects of the club's financial affairs but there was no evidence of impropriety. On the contrary, the state of the accounts was excellent. "I understand a third party had made certain allegations about the financial management b our report shows nothing untoward whatsoever."

The report vindicates the decision of Mick Higgins, the club's chairman, to ask for an internal audit and it also means that the

new coach Keith Latham will be able to start his career at Hilton Park free of a disturbing distraction. Gary Broadbent, Widnes's 20-year-old full-back who toured New Zealand with the Great Britain Academy side recently, has asked for a transfer. He wants a revision of his contract, which does not expire until June 1996.

### Play-off festival put on ice

IN a break with tradition likely to displease many domestic ice hockey fans, the Superleague play-off semi-finals and final will be at the Nynex Arena in Manchester on successive Saturdays. starting on March 22, writes Vic Batchelder. The event's former equivalent, the British Championship, took place over one week end at Wembley Arena and was fondly regarded as an end-of-

After Britain's 5-0 victory over Slovenia at Sheffield on Tues-day night moved them to within a point of Switzerland, the Olympic Qualification Group A leaders, the GB coach Peter Olympic Qualification Group A leaders, the GR coath refer Woods announced that the British Olympic Committee is to fund a 10-day training camp for the squad before next month's crucial games against the Netherlands in Heerenveen and the Swiss in Sheffield, where wins would put Britain into February's eightnation final qualifying tournament.

### Golf

### Westwood goes eastward and the whole world wants to snap him the latest technology, his 56-

David Davies on the 23-year-old from Worksop who has found fame in Japan

As LEE WESTWOOD When he played in yester-day's pro-am in the Dunlop event — Japan's richest — he yazaki and the Dunlop Phoenix event, a stranger stared at him and then said delightedly.
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him and then said delightedly. "Champion. Visa champion."

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Westwood smiled and the man. Before he reached his destination it had happened "oh, about 20 to 30 times". Westwood, at 23 is famous in Japan; last week he won the Visa Taihelyo Masters in Gotemba. "Two never had my photograph taken so many times."

The financial rewards after his win may be considerable. He has been invited to the Japan Series, open to tournament what the fuss was about.

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year-old bones do not allow it. Westwood is new to fame. Winning the Volvo Scandina-vian Masters did little for him, he said, because "it was on Sky TV and no one watches that. The Visa was on national telly, and every-one watches golf in Japan." The financial rewards after

"This is my 38th tournament this year," he said, "and the former tour player Peter rought to go to Australia and South Africa early next year. I field. The next week he was South Africa early next year. I don't want to burn out, because there are Ryder Cup points to be played for." And his wedding, set for April 12, may have to be rescheduled; it is the Saturday of the US Masters and

third in the Italian Open, the week after that eighth in the Spanish Open, and two weeks PGA at Wentworth. "At the start of the year I was short and wild. But Peter

# borts Guardian

# Emerson return deadline expires today

lan Ross and John Wardle

IDDLESBROUGH's patience with their Brazilian midfielder Emerson will run out at 10 this morning. That is the deadline the club's chair-man Steve Gibson has set for the 24-year-old absentee to return from his extended holiday in Brazil.

Last night the club threatened to "throw the book" at Emerson if he fails to return today.

The measures The measures proposed include immediately freezing his £20,000-a-week salary and suing him for breach of contract to recoup much of the £4 million he cost from the Portuguese club Porto less than six months ago. Middlesbrough would also seek Fifa support to prevent him playing football anywhere in the world for the remaining 3% years of his contract

Emerson flew home to Rio de Janeiro "on a short break" with his girlfriend Andrea last week. They went with the club's blessing because he was serving and cecause ne was serving a three-match suspension and England's World Cup qualifier in Georgia had left Middlesbrough with no game that weekend.

On arrival in Brazil, however, Emerson was reported to have said that neither he nor Andrea could settle in Teesside and they did not plan to return.

The club's manager Bryan Robson dismissed this report, saying: "Emerson will not be leaving the club. In fact no one is leav-ing unless I decide it is in the full backing of the chairman over this.

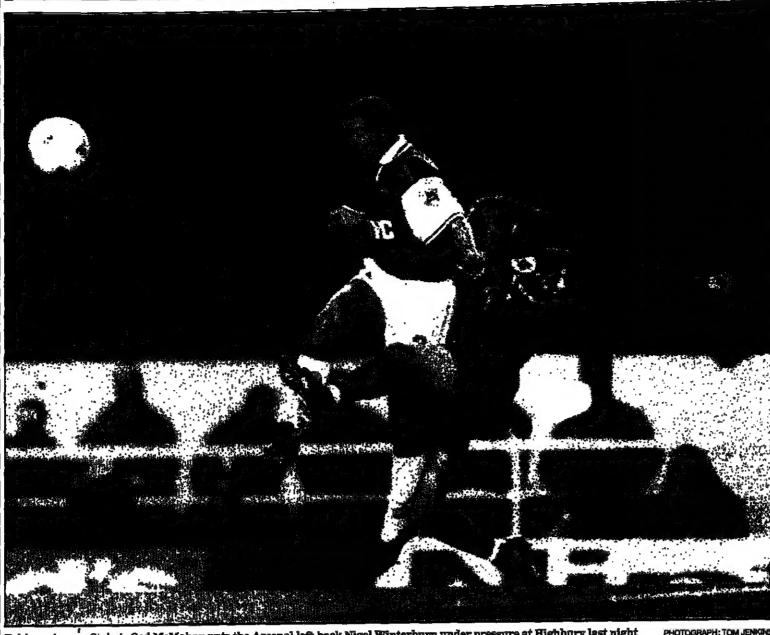
Barceloua, coached by the former England manager Bobby Robson, were mentioned as showing in-terest in the player, but Bryan Robson discounted

"I know Bobby well from our England days; he is not the type to go behind my back," said the Middles-brough manager. "He has not contacted me from Barcelona or left messages. If Bobby wanted one of my players he would contact

Speculation that Emerson was planning to return to Continental football was revived last night, how-ever, when his manager-agent Da Silva Vega con-firmed that he would be having meetings in Italy this week and would not return to his Lisbon office

Emcrson's representative in England, Gianni Palathat his client will return

## COCA-COLA CUP



Taking wing . . . Stoke's Ged McMahon puts the Arsenal left-back Nigel Winterburn under pressure at Highbury last night

Third-round replay: Arsenal 5, Stoke City 2

# Wright puts out Stoke fire

RSENAL came back from a goal down to demolish Stoke City's cup challenge last night lan Wright revelled in ing twice to help set up a fourth-round tie with Liverpool, the only side to have beaten the Gunners in the

This game prefaced a diffi-cult series of league encounters for Arsenal, the results of which will offer a pointer towards the title-winning cre-dentials of the team lying second in the Premiership. On Saturday they travel to Manchester United, then

comes a home North London derby against Tottenham folowed by a visit to Newcastle. The fact that last night's tie against the First Division visitors followed an internathe Arsenal players featured, illustrated the non-stop pres-

sure on top players to per-form at every level.

1-1 draw at Stoke in October that prompted this replay. This was proved after 34 minutes when they took the lead. Bould's pass to Merson was intercepted by Kavanagh in the visitors' half and Stoke broke forward at speed. Ka-vanagh played a one-two with Sheron, and here there was a touch of fortune.

Kavanagh, on the right passed through to Sheron again, but the ball was alightly diverted by Vieira's outstretched leg which was attempting to cut it out. In-stead it deflected past the cov-ering Winterburn and fell perfectly into the path of Sheron who slotted home his 13th goal of the season.

Stoke had already gone close twice, once when a Seaman clearance ricocheted off Sheron and Adams was Sheron and Adams was relieved to clear in front of an open goal. Later another Stoke break set Wallace free on the right but instead of shooting he passed across goal and the ball was cleared for a corner by Dixon.

Any side managed by Lou Three minutes before the Macari is capable of setting a break Arsenal equalised. Sheron . . . first off mark

to Bergkamp in the area and as he tried to turn Devlin he tumbled to the ground. The eferee gave the penalty which Wright converted for his 14th goal of the season. No sooner had Arsenal come out for the second half

than they scored again. Keown in midfield played a ball out right to Wright which enabled the striker to get be hind the covering defenders.



booked over a cross which just eluded the outstretched arms of Muggleton on the near post and sailed invitingly across goal. There, running in, was Platt who nudged the ball over the line with his chest, Bellyflop completed, the England mid-fielder celebrated only his

second goal of the season.

That was after just one minute and 10 seconds of the new well from this undermining of their half-time team-talk. On 49 minutes Kavanagh struck a searing free-kick through a crowd of players and Seaman could only parry the ball. Un-fortunately for Stoke, no one was there to take advantage

of the rebound. scored their third. Muggleton tumbled Bergkamp's up-andunder for a corner which the Dutchman swung in over the covering defenders and into the path of the unmarked Wright. The diving striker headed in easily.

Arsenal were rampant now and four minutes later Wright turned provider for Berg-

Haring for the by-line he | kamp to set up No. 4. Wright's | as paid him a visit," said his beloved late wife Gaye. pass found the latter just outside the area, again given acres of room. Bergkamp advanced and with just a small gap to aim at between Mugg-leton and his left-hand post, unhesitatingly drilled the ball

at the target.
Six minutes later and it was 5-1. Dixon broke through the inside right position, held off Whittle, pulled the ball back from the by-line and Muggleton got a touch but deflected the ball to Merson who shot home. Sheron added a conso-lation for Stoke a minute from time, but it was too little

Rest in peace and renown, bright Tommy



will be told, with awe and for sure, that their old bloke was at the ringside in Las Ve-gas the night Mike Tyson was hit back with a venom which made the world flinch. They will also be told, and if they have any sense they will softly
"wow" with even more wonder, that a couple of days later
I was asked by Tommy Lawton's conto Britis an address to ton's son to write an address to be read at his father's funeral in Nottingham. Some honour,

some pride From the city centre to Bramhope cemetery, the cortege paused outside Meadow Lane, where the Notts County first team stood in touching respect. Exactly 50 football seasons ago Lawton arrived to play there, and for the next three years average gates of 6,500 became 31,000. Among the hundreds of

wreaths there was one of red roses, for Lancashire. Sixty autumns ago, three days after his 17th birthday, the strap-ping laugher of a lad signed pro for Burnley, and very next day scored a hat-trick against Tottenham at Turf Moor. An all-time great had taken wing. And now he has again.

Twenty years ago, football over and his fame frozen in time if never forgotten. Tom was skint and in despair. He'd bad a stroke and a serious stomach operation. "Not one person from football' so much

The rent was piling up, he was pursued by the council for rates arrears of £87 and he was perkily weathering the ripples from two ludicrously minor but, to him, shaming court cases. "I'd leave home of a morning pretending I had a job, but I'd just sit all day in Square. More than once i thought to end it all, to walk

into the Trent.' That interview appeared as this column. We became friends. He was an inveterate letter-writer: big, bold, flow-ingly neat hand. Barry Williams, editor of the local Evening Post, who spoke with moving warmth at the crematorium yesterday, gave him a

Tom was good at it too. never an "In my day . . . " man.

He then wrote his memoirs, bright with recall and funny. What tales, I hawked them round the London publishers

for him. Not one as unuch as asked him down for lunch.

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Most of them, pink-shirted prats, had never heard of him He had it all, they say. On the ground and in the air. when ageing sages told him there had never been a finer in the air, not even his loved mentor Dixle Dean. Tom would smile wide, make a lit-tle grimace and say: "I didn't think I were too bad on the deck as well,"

Even in utter modesty, he neverdenied the wonder of his

I saw him play only once. Well, sort of, Latish 1950s, I was a cub, "Wanderer" of the Hereford Times, and Southern League United went to Ketter-ing where Lawton was out to grass as player-manager. Even before kick-off, awe-

struck, I'd got the picture, and years later the precise frisson of recall was conjured by John Moynihan in his classic mem-oir of a west London schoolboy idolising The Hero at Stam-ford Bridge in his pump. "Lawton would stand there

during the kick-about with his hands on his hips." Moynihan wrote, "occasionally volleying a practice ball languidly into the roof of the net, all grace and freedom, a look of complete unconcern on his

FEW weeks ago I watched Newcastle's 5-0 heating of the champions with an old man who had seen Lawton's prime time. The most memo-rable thunderclap that after-noon was when Shearer, with no backlift and all of 25 yards out on the angle, suddenly let rip and laced the thing against hmeichel's right post before the giant goalkeeper could say

The dramatic, daring finesse and sheer *comph* of moment was not to be replayed nor reported because of the upcoming hatful of goals. But I was out of my sent as the fulminating shell left the upright twanging and rebounded away.

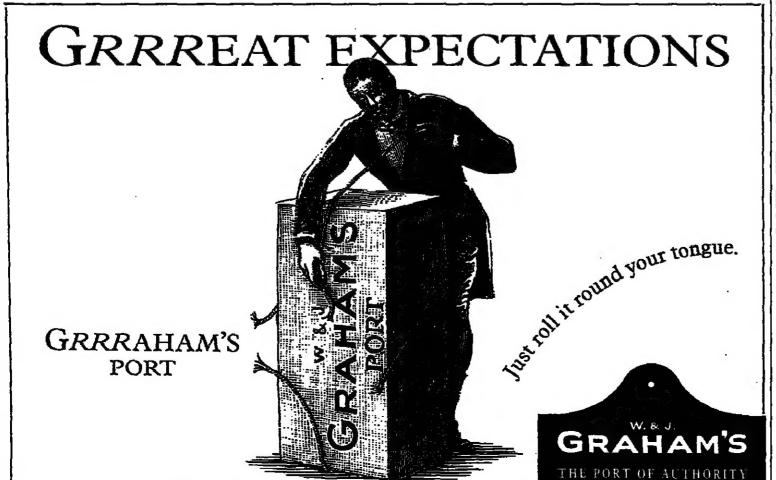
Great, said my friend. "but a Lawton shot like that would have been just inside the post. that's the difference."

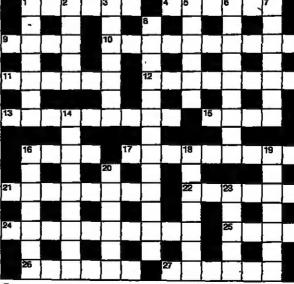
Yesterday on Lawton's cof-fin lay his 12th tasselled England cap, won half a century ago this month against Holland. He scored four that day Twenty years ago he had sold the cap for a pittance. A collec-tor was privileged to loan it

Going into the chapel they played You'll Never Walk Alone; coming out, it was My Way.

### **Guardian Crossword No 20,810**

Set by Rufus





1 Dolly is a model (6)

4 Makes a pretence a reality?

9 Recommended course for Parliament (4)

10 American beggar—a

kttchenworker? (10) 11 Fresh air - and that's

essential for a man (6) 12 A fetching breed of dog (8)

13 Accommodation for Eastern males in temporary

dwellings (9) 15 A key, it is needed for opening (4)

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21 One in charge of a spinning

22 Field the ball (6) 24 Who cares, for example

25 Board of trade (4) 26 Mary and Elizabeth, for example, from Stroud (6)

27 Make merry, take in a show (6) Down

1 No doubt many yarns have been spun about it (7)

2 All for musicians (5)

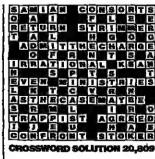
3 A stretch of river accommodating some vessels (7)

about such questions? (10)

5 To hush an upset baby is

6 Obviously guilty, with a fistful of diamonds? (3-5) 7 Lengthen your strides if a

8 Blown up charge (8,5) 14 He used tax form that's



16 You won't hear a sound out

18 Perdon sailor's love affair (7) 19 High-flown writings (3,4)

20 Glass-paper? (6) 23 Sit on the fence, or something similar (5) Solution temerrow

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